

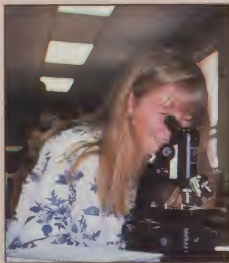
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Juniors Courtney Lambert and Jenny Stevens practice their game at the Inman's Recreation Center 18-hole golf course. Inman's was a popular hangout for students to spend time after school hours.



Before a test in her Biology I class, freshman Kim Shiebel reviews some microscope slides. Students choose from biology, chemistry, earth/space science, and physics to fulfill the four science credits to graduate.



Prior to the homecoming parade, which was sponsored by Student Council, junior Travis Litke puts the finishing touches on Viking Michelle Pappas. Spanish Club and the senior class placed first in the competition.

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In his 21st year as head varsity football coach, Mark Hoffman directs a play during the homecoming game against LaPorte. The Vikings finished the regular season with a 4-6 record.



Taking a break from the dance floor, juniors Bruce Chaffee and Taryn Goffiney enjoy refreshments at the Homecoming dance, "Roman Nights." Sponsored by the cheerleaders, the event attracted 393 couples.



Senior Jennifer Kotys bags groceries and assists customers at Costas Foods. After school part-time jobs at local businesses allowed students to gain experience and earn money.

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Keeping up with modern technology, keyboarding student Joe Krysa, a freshman, completes his assignment on an IBM computer which is used in the class. Increased enrollment, technology, and student needs led to an updated curriculum and expanded facility, reflecting A CHANGE IN TRADITION.



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C Addition invites growth for future years HANGE

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Whether change is welcome or unwanted, learning to accept change may be the only way to move on to better opportunities for the future.

Students and faculty at VHS shared this simple philosophy as the 1992-93 year began. Everyone adjusted well to the changes they faced, literally, all around them.

By 1992, enrollment in the present building had reached above capacity at 1,909 students. With expected growth throughout the decade, more room was essential for the future. Twenty million dollars was spent on an addition and renovation, which included 44 new classrooms, 1,000 lockers, two courtyards, and an expansion of the cafeteria and parking lot.

With only one entrance and exit, drivers were forced to arrive earlier or leave later to avoid the traffic.

As a result of overcrowding in the cafeteria, a fifth lunch period was added.

The class of 1993 ended the traditional honor of valedictorian and salutatorian. However, many seniors were still recognized for their academic achievements. Students with a GPA of 4.25 and above graduated with "Highest Distinction." In addition, seniors with a GPA of 4.15 and above received honors of "Distinction."

Many things remained the same, but those few alterations made way for growth and A CHANGE IN TRADITION. □

Freshmen Tiffany Kerr and Nicole Zikesch take a break from eating during the new fourth period lunch which was added to reduce crowds. Lunch periods began at 10:20 a.m. and ended at 12:40 p.m.





Braving cool October weather, senior fans show their support for the football team during homecoming. The Vikings were defeated by the LaPorte Slicers, 9-6.

Construction crews work on the wall of the new addition which will face the courtyards. The \$20 million project began in February 1992 and was scheduled for completion in fall 1993.



Spanish II students Matthew Welsh and Tom Chrisman work on an assignment in one of the renovated classrooms. Classrooms on the north side of the building underwent change due to the construction which added 44 new rooms.



County offices, which were previously located at the Courthouse, moved to the Porter County Administration Center. The center included a 250-car parking garage accessible to the downtown area.



Construction on the Campbell Street Bridge was completed in September. Detours posed an inconvenience because of its important connection between the north and south ends of town. When completed, Evans Ave. no longer intersected with Campbell Street.

A new development on the north side of town included Woodmere on Flint Lake. Due to an increasing population, many housing and apartment projects were constructed.





PDevelopments disprove taboo about ValparaisoROSPE R

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Through proper planning and management, Valparaiso utilized its resources to provide jobs and convenience for its people.

New developments around town stimulated growth for future years.

The Porter County Administration Center, a \$12 million project, housed new offices for county commissioners and officials. The facility, scheduled to be completed in the fall of 1993, also included a plaza and an adjacent 250-car free parking garage.

Due to the influx of people and increasing housing costs, Hunters Pointe, Westwind Village, and Chandana Point Apartments were built.

Although land seemed limited on the north side of town, new developments still managed to fit in. The Porter Memorial and St. Anthony Outpatient Surgical Centers, Blockbuster Video, and the Flint Lake Elementary School were all under construction during the year.

The YMCA and the Banta Senior Center built additions to accommodate the public's interest in community involvement.

By expanding the commercial and housing markets, Valparaiso shed its smalltown image and showed it was prepared for A CHANGE IN TRADITION. □

Junior Soan Putman receives an order at the new Pizza Hut location on Lincolnway. The new store which opened in August, only accepted delivery and carry-out orders.

T Balancing schoolwork and social life puts students on the move Together

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High school prepared students academically for vocational or collegiate programs sought after graduation. But along with those comprehensive skills, students practiced another important concept in order to be successful after high school. VHS offered a variety of activities to help students enhance their ability to communicate and improve their social skills.

Homecoming and Spirit Week activities greeted students back from summer vacation. Basketball games and the Christmas and King of Hearts Dances were a warm welcome to the cold winter months.

The drama department's production of "The Diary Of Anne Frank" differed from previous years in that it was not a musical. April Antics also allowed students to display their talents and perform before a live audience.

Upperclassman celebrated the end of the year with their friends at prom.

The Class of 1993 attended the traditional senior dinner, Baccalaureate, and Commencement ceremony which took place on June 6.

Even the most faithful student broke the everyday monotony of classwork and had fun for A CHANGE IN PACE. □





Senior Ben Kim practices with his band, "The Beekeepers". Student bands had a chance to display their musical talents at Front Porch Music, a popular hangout.

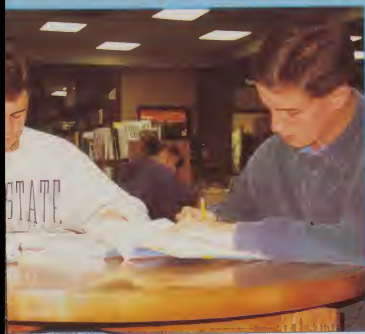
Dressing up for the first Halloween contest, freshman Kellilyn Wheeler and Allison DeSchamps return to the Hippie Era. Student Council awarded \$20 for first prize in each of four categories.



Despite the overtime loss to East Chicago, junior Heather Watson cheers for the boys' varsity basketball team. Basketball games gave students a chance to support their school and be with friends.



Taking advantage of the Valparaiso Public Library's vast selection of research materials, sophomores Mark Turek and Mark Roscoe work on a group project.



IN SUMMER, STUDENTS STAY

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he months that pass between the last day of school and registration day tend to fly by before one can truly learn to appreciate the merits of doing nothing. Students found many different ways to occupy their summer days, each of which held its own special value.

Students who worked during the summer had limited free time, but the monetary reward made up for the sacrifice.

"Working at Dairy Queen was not the greatest way to spend my summer, but I really needed the money," said junior Cariann Stanley.

Travel was another popular activity for students. "My mom and I went to Europe for a month," said senior Rachael Mack. "It was great — I saw so many different places and things."

For those who chose to stay in the Northwest Indiana area, there were several activities to be found nearby. With bowling lanes, bumper boats, pool tables, and beach volleyball, Inman's Recreational Center was a popular escape. Indiana Dunes State Park was also a favorite for many students; hiking, swimming, or just laying out were a few of the activities to be enjoyed at the beach.

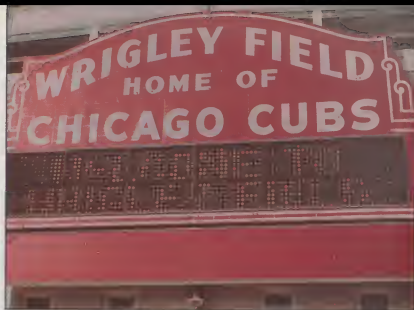
Chicago, an hour by car or an hour and a half by Southshore train, provided a change of pace for those students seeking something different. Sporting events, museums, shopping, concerts, and plays could be found on any given day in the "Windy City."

"You could go to Chicago every day for the whole summer and there's always something interesting and new to do there," said senior Matt Laughner.

For most students, summer was a pleasurable blur of free time between semesters. Without the responsibilities associated with academic and extracurricular activities, one actually had time to enjoy the activities offered in the area. □

ACTIVE

Sophomore Chasity Walker and freshman Doug Weinholt relax at Kirchoff Park. Many students took advantage of the summer's warm weather by taking indoor activities outdoors.





Chicago provided a change of pace from activities in the area. Sporting events were popular, as well as shopping, museums, and theater.

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore was popular among students, providing for a variety of activities. Hiking, swimming, and sailing were a few possibilities.



Senior Roger Tatum was one of many students who held part-time jobs during the summer months. Although free time was sacrificed, money was a compensation for his work at Wise Way.



Senior Peter Sarafin spends an afternoon doing yard work. For some, the work began at home with yard work, housework, or cooking — responsibilities that often extended past the summer months.

Taking advantage of one of the many activities offered at Inman's Recreation Center, freshman Jeremy Burleson takes a spin on the bumper boats.

OUTRAGEOUS

*Unusual activities
characterize Spirit Week*

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A visitor taking a drive down North Campbell St. on Thursday, October 1, may have felt he was entering another dimension — a dimension of fire trucks, giant shoes, blenders and life-size tacos. Add a mass of screaming people and the Homecoming parade was complete.

The parade was only one event which took place during Homecoming's Spirit Week, September 28-October 2.

Throughout the week students and teachers were given a chance to dress up and demonstrate their school pride by participating in Spirit Days, sponsored by the cheerleaders.

On Thursday, Sept. 29, the Powder Puff game gave 170 girls a chance to make a pass or score a touchdown. The event was scheduled a day earlier and two hours later than previous years.

"We had about twice as many people show up for the game this year because of the time change," said

Michelle Salomon, Spirit Club sponsor.

In the end, seniors defeated the juniors 14-8, while freshmen blanked the sophomores 16-0.

Other Student Council-sponsored activities during Spirit Week included Class Competitions, Jar Wars and Spirit Ticket drawings.

Now in its fifth year, the Homecoming parade proved to be one of the main events during Spirit Week. Any individual or group could be a part of the parade.

Judging the entries were five faculty members who awarded two placings for each of the three categories: class floats, clubs, and individuals. This was the first year three categories were used.

"We decided to make clubs and classes separate categories because it is hard to compete against the class floats," said Student Council co-sponsor Britt Wood.

Immediately following the parade were the bonfire and pep rally.

The sight of girls running down the gridiron and teachers wearing hardhats was no reason to become confused, a person should be ready to expect anything during Spirit Week. □

Members of the senior class cheer on their team as they head toward a victory over the juniors. To make the game more realistic, flags were used instead of the powder-filled socks that had been used in previous years.





With high hopes for a win Friday night, members of the Varsity football team show their spirit during the Homecoming parade. The parade began downtown and moved up Campbell St. to the school.



Junior Adrian Urgino makes final preparations on the Junior Class float. Anyone who participated in a Spirit Week event received a Spirit Ticket which could be turned in for a chance to win a prize.

While not edible, the Spanish Club's giant taco proved to be a favorite as it took first place for the Clubs division. The Senior Class took first place in the Class division for a \$40 prize.



Viking PRIDE

Senior class president Andy Rickman adds finishing touches to the senior class float themed "Crush the Slicers" which won first place. Spirit Week meant different things to different people. For some it meant a lot of work, for others it just meant a great time.



"Spirit Week gives us a chance to demonstrate our support for the football team and the school."

- junior Mike Bishop
"I liked the extra things we did to get people more involved and excited about the weekend."

- freshman Tom Rickman
"Spirit Week gets me psyched-up for the Homecoming game."

- sophomore Matt Rickman
"For seniors, Spirit Week is a memory they will never forget. It's amazing how much fun you have with everyone when you get involved."

- senior Sarah Klett



Preparing to attack sophomore Mike McDonald with shaving cream are seniors Bron Anderson and Stuart Riley. Class Competitions gave students a chance to have messy fun.

Juniors Tracey Siewin and Mike Kwiatkowski take a break to enjoy some refreshments at the Homecoming dance. The dance cost \$10 per couple with 30 couples attending.



Changing TRADITIONS

Receiving the honor of the 1992 Homecoming Queen is senior Kim Forpbloom. She felt being on court was both fun and an honor. Her goals are to be accepted to Notre Dame to study Pre-med, Pre-dentistry or engineering.



After a modest beginning in 1935, by the mid-forties Homecoming festivities had grown to include a parade, a dance, and in 1945 Shirley Cochran was crowned the first Homecoming Queen. The tradition of that day was for the Queen to be announced at the dance. After the coronation, a traditional robe was thrown around her shoulders and she then joined the captain of the football team in the Queen's dance while other members of the court would dance with the other team members.



The Viking mascot and the football team charge onto the field ready to take on the LaPorte Slicers for the Homecoming game. The Vikes were defeated, 9-6. The halftime show featured the "A" and "B" bands.

A photographer from Spasoff Photography lines up sophomore, Nicole Tirappelli and junior, Mark Gingrich for their Homecoming dance picture. The cheerleaders worked after school and on Saturday to make the dance a success.





Freshman Tom Rickman and junior Mike Bishop top off senior vice-president Sarah Klett with a can of whipped cream. Seniors won Jar Wars after collecting \$63.08.

Members of the 1992 Homecoming Court are seniors Lisa Silver, Courtney Bechtold, princess Shellie Malayer, queen Kim Porpaiboon, Katie Looft and Amy Bickel.



EXPLOSIONS

Roman Nights ignite spirit over weekend

TIM MARLER
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Plenty of fireworks exploded the first weekend of October. It certainly was not the fourth of July as anyone could tell from the falling leaves and the chill in the air. These fireworks displayed the excitement people took in their school during Homecoming weekend.

On Friday, October 2, over 4,000 Viking fans came to see their team as they took on the LaPorte Slicers.

"The game was fun because it brought the whole school together," junior Heather Symanski said.

At halftime, seniors were announced as winners of the Jar Wars competition which was held the previous week and the queen candidates were introduced. Kim Porpaiboon was crowned queen

and Shellie Malayer was named princess.

The band's performance and other halftime festivities made up for the disappointing 9-6 loss to the Slicers and the malfunctioning P.A. system.

The final Homecoming event was the dance "Roman Nights", which took place Saturday, October 3, in the north balcony of the gym.

"The dance was fun and I was really impressed with the decorations," said junior Jen Lute.

Sponsored by the cheerleaders, the dance featured B&B Music for the 393 couples who attended the annual event.

"It is really hard work but the girls' enjoy doing it and always come through," said cheerleading coach Ginnie Huber-Ashbaugh.

The couples dancing in the midst of the bright and festive colors provided the perfect grand finale to a week of patriotism—not for their country, but for their school.

HIDING OUT

Young girl's words move and inspire audiences

TIM MARLER
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“**T**hat teacher assigns too much homework” or “why won’t my mom let me go out tonight?” are only a few of the common complaints heard around the halls on a typical day. Those these complaints may seem important at the time, anyone who saw the fall play may feel differently and consider themselves very lucky.

“The Diary of Anne Frank,” presented Nov. 20-22 by the drama department was based on a young girl’s diary that was kept while her family and others, all of whom were Jewish, hid from Hitler’s army during World War II.

The fugitives hid in an attic for two years until they were discovered and thrown into a concentration camp where all but one died.

“This play reminded us that these Jews were real

people which is something that history books and numbers cannot possibly tell,” said senior Amy Pinkerton who played Margot, Anne’s sister.

The 10 cast members who were featured in the play got to experience firsthand how it felt to be living in fear in a very small space.

“After being in the play I could really understand and feel my characters pain,” said junior John Evans who played Peter Van Daan.

Despite the melancholy setting, the message of this play was not only one of grief.

After everything she went through, Anne wrote that she still felt people were basically good at heart.

“Hers was a message of optimism in the face of destruction,” said director Alice Gambel. “This message can help motivate us to stick up for our beliefs.”

While everyone goes through difficult times, it is easier to move on remembering Anne’s strength while she was confined to an attic and faced with the most horrible of fates. □

An angry Mr. Dussel (Dan Huston) Arations out potatoes for the eight inhabitants of the attic while Margot Frank (Amy Pinkerton) tries to stop him. Tempers rose when food supplies became low.



During one of their “dates,” Pete Van Daan (John Evans) removes Anne’s (Emily Pinkerton) shawl. As the play progresses, Peter and Anne begin to develop a relationship with each other.





The Franks, Mr. Dussel and the Van Daans celebrate their Jewish faith on the festival of Hannukah. The fugitives were confined to a windowless attic for two years.

Mr. Van Daan (Andy Urschel) attempts to take his wife's (Laura Smith) fur coat while she refuses because he is going to sell it. The VanDaans were guests of Mr. Frank in return for a favor.



Past to PRESENT

Mr. Otto Frank (Josh Jones), the only survivor of the eight looks through Anne's diary when he visited the attic after the war. Anne's diary not only provided a look into tragedies of the past but can also make us more aware of what is going on in the world today.



Many people believe the practice of torturing and killing people for their religious beliefs could never happen in today's world.

However, persecutions like the Jews went through in World War II are still a reality in other parts of the world.

"The play is not only historical, it is also an insight to a present day situation," said director Alice Gambel.

Plays or books that are based on historical incidents can remind us of our past.

"People often want to forget about the Holocaust, but when we forget what happened in history it might repeat itself," said sophomore Genny Hurst.



The two families listen in terror as Mr. Dussel tells of the situation outside since the Franks and VanDaans went into hiding. Over 6 million Jews were killed during the Holocaust.

WINTER HEAT

Dances warm season with hearts, holly

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While a cold, northern-Indiana winter lingered outdoors, the north balcony of the gym had thawed out from a frozen winter wonderland into a tropical jungle in only two months. While a change this drastic could never occur in nature, the Christmas and King of Hearts dances pulled off this otherwise impossible phenomenon.

"Brr... it's cold in here," a common complaint during the winter season, was turned into a festive theme for the annual Student Council Christmas dance.

"I wanted a theme different from the ones that we always use," said senior Stuart Riley, Student Council member.

Many of the 275 couples that entered this winter wonderland on Saturday, December 12 also got the opportunity to see a jolly

visitor from the North Pole.

Then, 10 weeks later on Saturday, February 20, students stepped out of the cold and into "Jungle Love," with the help of the V-teens.

The annual King of Hearts dance, which raised money for the Heart Association, was a turnabout which allowed girls to ask guys.

Fifteen seniors were nominated for the court and had to dress up as a surfer, Cupid, Prince Charming and in their pajamas during the four themed days preceding the dance.

"We hoped to represent all aspects of the senior class in the nomination of the court," said V-teens sponsor Karen Hartman.

As couples entered, they cast their vote and the King of Hearts was crowned during the dance.

Even though Santa was a teacher and the jungle was home to P.E. classes during the day, these dances proved what a little imagination and hard work could do. □



The King of Hearts dance provided senior Ryan McQuillan and others a chance to let loose and have some fun in the jungle surroundings. The V-teens sponsored the dance and donated the proceeds to the American Heart Association.

asking in his crowning moment is the King of Hearts for 1993, Kurt Musser. Musser is crowned by junior Heather Watson. Due to a tie, both Stuart Riley and Mark Steffan were named prince.

Instead of merely casting ballots, students voted by contributing to a candidate's fund. The boy with the most money was named king.

Dining EXPERIENCE

The Top Ten Places to Dine Before the Dance

10. The Patio
9. Valparaiso Country Club
8. Strongbow
7. Wingfield's
6. Olive Garden
5. The Court
4. At home
3. House of Kobe
2. Snaks
1. The Gathering

Senior John Pam-
Spalone and
sophomore Jo-
Anne Caporale
check out the
evening's specials
while waiting for a
table at The Gather-
ing Restaurant.
Many couples pre-
ferred to enjoy a
meal at home
before the dance.



Picking out their own memento from the Christmas dance are junior Megan Neil and senior Jeff Fusner. The Student Council was responsible for the theme, ticket sales and decorations.

Casting a vote for their favorite King of Hearts candidate are sophomores Mari Cox, Courtney Wheatman, Mike Bonaventura and senior Aaron Pierson. The candidates were chosen to represent every aspect of the student body.



After a visit with Santa (social studies teacher Sid Reggie), senior Beth Fredrick and VHS grad Ryan Livingston receive candy canes. The Christmas dance used the theme "Brr ... it's cold in here."

Toasting a perfect evening at the Christmas dance are sophomore Kim Fikes and her date, junior Tony Stevanovich. Music at the annual holiday dance was provided by The Music Men.

FLORIDA SUN

Cast encounters traffic jams on route to the beach

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Ever since the first construction vehicle appeared at Valparaiso High School in March 1992, students and teachers have had to cope with traffic. Hallways and parking lots have been closed or relocated forcing everyone to adjust to the changes.

Coinciding with these day-to-day inconveniences, April Antics used "Traffic Jams" to showcase student talent.

Presented April 23 and 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium, the show featured singing, dancing, and comedy. Advance tickets were \$4, while tickets purchased at the door were \$5.

After the opening ensemble number, "Traffic Jams,"

which was written by junior Andy Urschel, the show chronicled the experiences of students as they travelled to Florida for Spring Break.

During their week in the Sunshine State, students performed skits and musical numbers ranging from a British Bookstore sketch to the Beatles' classic "Octopus' Garden."

Although April Antics was sponsored by Drama Club, auditions were open to all students. When final selections were made, director Alice Gambel incorporated all the acts into the "Traffic Jams" theme.

Senior Laura Smith, a Varsity Singers member and veteran April Antics performer said, "The plot is important because without it, a lot of interest in the show would be lost." □



Before swimming at the motel pool, sophomore Andrew Jones, senior Josh Jones, freshman Tom Oram and sophomore Karl Berner sing a barber-shop quartet song. Auditions were open to all students.

Admiring sophomore Genny Hurst's new car, sophomore Martha Gioia agrees to join her on a trip to Florida during Spring Break. Student performances were presented between the girls' experiences on the road.



Helping **HANDS**

Junior Craig Haltom works on a billboard that will be used in April Antics. As a stage crew member, Haltom utilized his talents behind the scenes rather than in front of an audience. Drama Club members were also responsible for ticket sales and publicity.





Using their version of British humor, junior Andy Urschel and sophomore Karl Berner perform a skit about a bookstore and an impossible customer. Acts ranged from musical numbers to comedy.



Exhausted, overworked band director Dan Pritchett yearns to get out of town for Spring Break, while choir director Linda Springer and Spanish teacher Kevin Cossna join in on a chorus of "I Need A Vacation." Using the theme "Traffic Jams," April Antics followed the adventures of high school students from Valparaiso to Florida.



While the performers in April Antics work hard to perfect their act, the show would not go on without the people who never even step into the spotlight.

The stage crew is composed of a group of Drama Club members who come to every rehearsal doing varied duties ranging from building scenery to opening and closing the curtain. Stage managers are also appointed to keep order in the backstage area.

"Without the stage crew many important things would not get done during the production," said senior Debbie Boyd, stage manager.



The band EXP makes it *Wonderful Tonight* for everyone attending the beach party as they perform the Eric Clapton classic. EXP featured juniors John Sponberg, John Evans, Brandon Cochran, and Zack Malasto.

Members of the production cast explore the world under the sea while performing the song: *Octopus' Garden*. The program for April Antics included the words to the song which allowed the audience to sing along.



Money MATTERS

Foreign exchange students Victor Pacheco and Adriana Decker enjoy the music at the year's most formal event — prom. Attired in tuxedos and evening dresses, students spent a bundle to look their best for six hours.



While junior class officers spent thousands of dollars on the '93 prom, students attending prom also discovered that their costs would be high.

Although prom tickets were a mere \$20 per couple, the clothing, dining, and personal preparation costs forced students to dig deeply into their pockets.

Finding the "perfect" dress meant a girl could spend from \$75-\$400. In addition she had hair, nail, and tanning costs.

While tuxedo rental averaged \$70, guys assumed the burden of paying \$35 for dinner, \$25 for flowers, and some rented a limo for \$100.

Leading the grand march is prom princess Amy Reuter and her date, junior Scott Anlietner. The royalties were nominated by the faculty and voted on by everyone in the junior and senior class.

Welcoming couples to the S.S. Viking for a night of food and fun is teacher Mark Hoffman, the ship framed the entrance to the VU Student Union where post-prom was held from 11:30 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Testing their luck with dealer John Pio are seniors Lori Woodyard and Steve Jankowski. Coordinated by junior class parents, post prom was themed "European Cruise" and featured bowling, dancing and games.





TIME TRACKS

Voyages take prom goes to a new time and place

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Bart Simpson needs to stop wearing shorts during winter. But he can't because it's not "cool." Marcia Brady has a "groovy" idea, though - Why not wear bell bottoms?

To relive the past, and take a look into the future, a committee of juniors selected "Timeless Night" as theme for Prom.

"Timeless Night," held at the Porter County Expo Center from 8-11 p.m., gave students a chance to narrow the generation gap.

Decorations included memorabilia from the 1920's, '50's, '60's, '70's, and the future.

Props included a 1920's Model T, flapper girls; 1950's jukeboxes, drive-in theaters; 1960's - lovebeads and tie-dyed clothing; 1970's - disco; future - rockets, geometric artforms.

"Teachers were also asked to dress up in various costumes from one of the time periods," said Rhonda Yelton, junior class co-sponsor.

Throughout the year, the juniors sponsored activities to raise \$5000 to finance

Prom, including Data Match, Homecoming float, and ticket sales at \$20 a couple.

The Grand March at 10 p.m. gave family and friends to see the couples dressed up. Candidates for Prom King, Queen, Prince, and Princess were nominated by teachers, and voted on by upperclassmen.

At 11:30, all prom-goers could step aboard the "European Cruise" at the VU Student Union. Kathy Bishop, Debra Collins, Terry Marsch, and Rose Kusmiz, mothers of junior class officers, coordinated all Post-Prom activities.

According to Collins, the cruise traveled to Madrid, Paris, London, and Casablanca.

Students could win prizes at Black Jack and Wheel of Fortune in Madrid; have portraits drawn or watch mimes in Paris; watch movies at a Viking Pub in London; or Karaoke sing at Rick's Cafe in Casablanca. Local businesses donated \$9000 for the event.

While juniors went as far back as the '20's to reward seniors for four years of hard work, they were also presented with the gift of traveling to various countries. □

Senior Amy Mutka and her date Douglas Nelson, a VU student, enjoy the music provided by "The Music Men," at the 1993 prom themed "Timeless Night." Approximately 356 couples attended the event.

CELEBRATIONS

Ceremonies give seniors a memorable send off

TIM MARLER
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What is the purpose of going to school? Depending on whom you ask, you would receive a variety of answers ranging from a form of punishment to a place to get together with friends. However, since the real purpose of school is to educate students, graduation officially marks the end of 13 years in the classroom.

Graduation, however, meant more than the end of high school for 408 seniors. It also represented an important turning point in their lives.

Festivities for the Class of '93 began with the Senior Dinner, a traditional get-together for seniors on May 26 at the Porter County Expo Center.

The senior class officers planned the dinner to allow graduates a chance to get together for one of the last times to share memories of high school and have fun.

In contrast to the dinner, which was exclusively for seniors, Baccalaureate on June 4 at the VU Chapel was a family activity.

"Our community values the program because it is a family-oriented time for graduates and their parents," said interim principal Janice Bergeson.

Commencement exercises, the most formal of the graduation activities, took place Sunday June 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the football stadium.

Selected by a student and faculty committee to address the graduates were senior Josh Jones and teacher Dale Ciciora.

"We tried to pick a person who would represent the class well, while also considering how they would respond under the pressure of speaking before a large group," said Jeff Precourt, committee member.

Senior class president Courtney Bechtold and Student Council president Andy Rickman led the tassel turning.

Following commencement, the graduates were invited to VU's Student Union for the traditional Senior Party and one last chance to be with their classmates.

While everyone already held memories of high school, the events planned for the graduates provided a few more before the Class of '93 went off on their separate ways. □

All girls received red roses from class officers after their diplomas were presented. Commencement took place in Viking Stadium Sunday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m. Friends and families joined in the celebration.





As a final symbol of their completion of high school, graduates turn their tassels. The Class of '93 celebrated at the Senior Party at VU's Student Union immediately after commencement.

Going PLACES

After receiving a diploma from interim principal Jan Koppes, Class of '93 graduates embarked on life after high school. Immediate plans varied from attending a college or university to joining the work force full-time.



TOP 10 DESTINATIONS FOR SENIORS AFTER GRADUATION

From a survey of 100 seniors

10. Indiana State Univ.	8
9. Indiana Univ. NW	8
8. Military	9
7. Butler Univ.	9
6. Valparaiso Univ.	14
5. work	16
4. Ball State Univ.	24
3. Indiana University	43
2. Purdue - North Cen.	52
1. Purdue University	61
Other Colleges	126



Addressing their fellow graduates at Commencement before leading them in the "turning of the tassels" are Student Council President Andy Rickman and Senior Class President Courtney Bechtold.

During the Baccalaureate service, Don Lukes places his candle on the steps of Valparaiso University's Chapel. The service was designed to honor graduates and their families.

THE INFORMER

Mini-Mag '93

TRENDS

WHAT'S IN? WHAT'S OUT?

MOVIE ACTRESSES

In: Julia Roberts
Out: Jessica Lange

SHOWS: SITCOM

In: Home Improvement
Out: Simpsons

SHOWS: DRAMA

In: Quantum Leap
Out: Beverly Hills 90210

MUSIC GROUPS

In: Red Hot Chili Peppers
Out: Color Me Badd

SINGERS

In: Garth Brooks
Out: Sinead O'Connor

ATHLETES

In: Michael Jordan
Out: Joe Montana

RADIO STATIONS

In: 103.5
Out: 96.3

MOVIE THEATERS

In: Loew's
Out: County Seat Cinema

MODELS

In: Cindy Crawford
Out: Christie Brinkley

CLOTHING

In: Gap
Out: County Seat

POLITICIANS

In: Bill Clinton
Out: George Bush

COMEDIANS

In: Dana Carvey
Out: Andrew Dice Clay

T.V. ACTORS

In: Tim Allen
Out: Neil Patrick Harris

T.V. ACTRESSES

In: Roseanne Arnold
Out: Roseanne Arnold

MOVIE ACTORS

In: Wesley Snipes
Out: Tom Cruise

From Madonna to The Gap, students told what was hip or outdated.

What Would You Say About That?

Approximately 550 students surveyed said these were the most annoying words.

not
bogus
cool

awesome
dude
like
homework
sweet
excellent
totally

oh my god!
no way ... way!
psyche
chill
gnarly
wicked
groovey
my bad
rad
chick



Academy Awards

The 65th annual Academy Awards were presented on March 29.

Best Movie

"Unforgiven"

Best Actor

Al Pacino
"Scent of a Woman"

Best Actress

Emma Thompson
"Howards End"

Best Supporting Actor

Gene Hackman
"Unforgiven"

Best Supporting Actress

Marissa Tomei
"My Cousin Vinny"

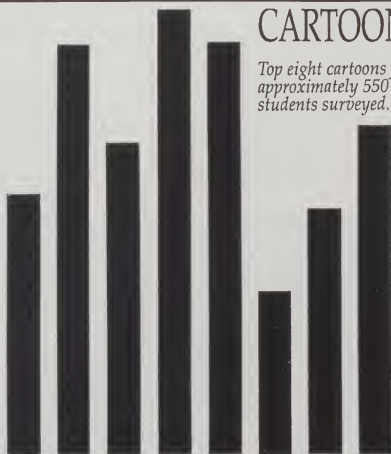
Record Hits of 1992

Top ten songs of 1992 as they appear in *Billboard Magazine*.

1. "End of the Road," Boyz II Men
2. "Baby Got Back," Sir Mix-A-Lot
3. "Jump," Kris Kross
4. "Save the Best for Last," Vanessa Williams
5. "Baby-Baby-Baby," TLC
6. "Tears In Heaven," Eric Clapton
7. "My Lovin' (You're Never Gonna Get It)," En Vogue
8. "Under the Bridge," Red Hot Chili Peppers
9. "All 4 Love," Color Me Badd
10. "Just Another Day," Jon Secada

CARTOONS

Top eight cartoons from approximately 550 students surveyed.



Simpsons
Tom & Jerry
Tiny Toons
Flintstones
Ren & Stimpy
Scooby Doo
Garfield
Looney Tunes



Sex In the Movies

The Motion Picture Industry says their duty is to create movies that reflect American society (and to make a little money). Some of the year's most successful films had one thing in common-SEX. What does that say about American culture? Senior Karin Anderson previews the year's most controversial film, *Basic Instinct*. While our culture may not be innocent, as Americans, we had a choice to watch what we wanted.

MISCELLANEOUS

Did you know? WHAT IS A INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT VALPO MINI-MAG?

- * Valparaiso was originally named Portersville after David Porter of the United States Navy. Since another town in Indiana had the same name, Portersville was changed to Valparaiso in 1837 because of a battle David Porter won off the coast of Valparaiso, Chile.
- * Four U.S. Congressmen came from Valparaiso: William Calkins, Mark DeMottle, Edgar Crumpacker, and Earl Landgrebe.
- * During the Civil War the Union Army set up a camp on West Street. Valparaiso University was a training base during WWI.
- * Valparaiso was the site of one KKK chapter and in May 1923 the klan held a rally at the Old Fairgrounds Park.
- * The Finney home off of U.S. 30 was thought to be a stop on the underground railroad.
- * First railroad went through Valparaiso in 1858.
- * A former resident of Valparaiso, Air Force Colonel Mark Brown, was a crew member of the Space Shuttle Columbia in 1989.
- * Before 1917 the Valenian was called the Annual. The name was decided on by the senior class, and means "Farewell" in Latin.

Fifty years from now not many people will care when the homecoming dance was or who the editors of the yearbook were, but many of us might wonder what went on outside life at VHS. The mini-mag was designed to provide a record of the actual "real world" occurrences in 1992-1993. It focuses on the trends, entertainment, and current events during the year. The mini-mag was done by co-editors Kim Abner and Heidi Letz.

OUR GENERATION: THE AIDS EPIDEMIC

AIDS has taken more than 9,000 teenagers as victims since 1981. The future appears more dismal as the number of teenagers with AIDS is doubling every fourteen months. Realistically, the number of young people with this disease is probably much higher since AIDS symptoms can take as many as ten years to show up.

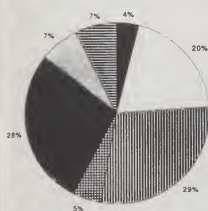
Throughout the nation, teachers, parents, and students are shocked by these statistics, but what are we doing to destroy the disease that is killing so many young people? The government has spent over \$200 million for AIDS education. These programs tell about prevention and treatment of AIDS, but much of this information ignores the fact that teenagers are having sex. Fifty percent of sex-education classes do not tell how to use condoms or where to get them.



Ultimately, it's up to each individual to obtain the knowledge in order to protect themselves. If we pretend AIDS doesn't affect us all, we only threaten the survival of our generation.

In New York, people sign panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, which was part of a 35-city national tour. AIDS has infected more than 25 million people, and by the year 2000, 120 million will have the disease that has no cure.

MISCELLANEOUS



WHAT DO YOU WASH FIRST IN THE SHOWER?

Approximately 550
students surveyed

- CHEST
- FACE
- |||| HAIR
- ||||| LEGS
- ARMS
- ARMPITS
- ||||| OTHER

BESS LEAVES

After seven and a half years of serving as principal for Valparaiso High School, Dr. David Bess accepted the position of assistant superintendent of Munster schools in Munster, Indiana. Jan Bergeson was named the interim for the remainder of the school year.

Bess began his tenure at VHS with the 1985-86 school year, which was the year before it changed over to include the freshman class.

Since that time, the school enrollment has increased around 400 students.

"I would say I felt from the time I arrived VHS was an excellent high school. I know what it takes to have an excellent academic program and productive environment," said Bess.

Bergeson, who taught chemistry at VHS for six years prior to her five and a half years as assistant principal said that she enjoyed working with Bess.

-by Amanda Kaluzny

OPINION

How would you react if your friend told you he had AIDS?



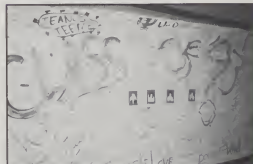
"I would be really upset, and shocked because the realization that AIDS is all around, would finally hit. I don't know anyone who has AIDS so I don't realize how widespread it is. After overcoming the initial shock, I would be very supportive." Larry Phillips, senior

"I would be very upset, of course, but I would continue to be as supportive of them as I was before their illness. I would still be there for them regardless of what happened." Lisa Rosolowski, senior



"At first, I would probably be shocked, then I would get very sad. I wouldn't be scared of getting AIDS, because it is not an easy disease to get. After a little while, I would spend as much time as I could with him, because he will die. I would just try to be his friend until the day he is gone." Eric Hehmann, senior

PEP IT UP



During March 1-5, a spirit week was held for students to show their pride for VHS, while having some fun. The Spirit Club, which sponsored these events, featured the hall decorating contest, dress up days, and the best legs contest. On Friday a pep session was held in the gym to rally behind the boys' varsity basketball and girls' gymnastics teams before competing at sectionals.

CURRENT EVENTS

CLINTON WINS

Nation elects first democrat in 12 years

The election that seemed to be a neck-to-neck race turned out to be anything but close in the end. Campaigning began in July at the Democratic National Convention in New York. Arkansas governor Bill Clinton and his running mate,

Senator Al Gore gained supporters when Clinton told delegates he accepted the nomination "in the name of the hard-working Americans who make up our forgotten middle class." In August at the Republican National Convention, supporters chanted

"four more years" as Bush promised to cut taxes and reduce the federal deficit. Texas tycoon Ross Perot entered the race on the independent ticket and ended up winning the biggest percentage of the independent vote than any candidate in this century. During the campaign Clinton focused on issues such as the economy, health care, and jobs. Bush won votes with his ideas on foreign policy and taxes. And Americans found Perot to be sensible and honest. The campaign kept the press busy

and the American people talking. Clinton's alleged affair with Gennifer Flowers sparked the public's interest and affected his image. At one time, polls showed that 55% of Americans felt Clinton was untrustworthy.



Bill Clinton, the 42nd President of the United States, is sworn in by Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, William Rehnquist on January 20, 1993 with his wife, Hillary, by his side. Polls showed Americans believed the 1993 elections were important through high voter turnout.

the election, Bush called Clinton and Gore "a bunch of bozos."

On November 3, 1992 William Clinton was elected as the 42nd president of the United States. He received 357 electoral votes and 43% of the popular vote vs. Bush's 168 votes and 38% of American's support. Clinton was 46 years-old and the third youngest man to be elected after Roosevelt and Kennedy. The Democrats also dominated the 103rd Congress with 58 Senators and 259 Representatives.

Perot dropped out of the race in early July because he felt he could not win, although many believed that he left the race because the press was badgering his family. He reentered in October, but had lost many American's support. In the last few weeks before

NEWS BRIEFS

One hundred and eighty-three countries participated in the 1992 Summer Olympics held in Barcelona, Spain. The American teams brought home 108 medals. Basketball stars Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, and other members of the "Dream Team" won a gold medal for the U.S. after professional athletes were allowed to compete in the games for the first time. Atlanta, Georgia will host the 1996 Olympics.

With a personal fortune and nothing to lose, Texas billionaire Ross Perot announced his candidacy for

President in May of 1992. As a third party candidate, Perot supporters signed petitions to get his name on the ballot. Many were disappointed when Perot dropped out of the race, saying he had concluded he could not win. Eleven weeks after his decision not to run he joined the race again. His honesty during the debates and his 30 minute info-commercials added excitement to an otherwise dull election. Although he came in third place, he challenged the dominance of the two major political parties and changed the way Americans viewed the government.



CURRENT EVENTS

HURRICANE ANDREW

Most destructive disaster in nation's history kills 55 people and costs over \$270 million



An explosion at New York's World Trade Center on February 26, 1993 killed five people and injured 1,000 others. After eliminating the possibility of a gas leak or transformer fire, investigators determined the accident was caused by a bomb planted by terrorists. The center is one of the largest business and tourist complexes in the U.S. with 50,000 workers and 110 floors. Islamic fundamentalists were arrested for the bombing.

On August 24, 1992, Hurricane Andrew tore through southern Florida, Louisiana, and the Bahamas. With winds gusting to 164 mph and a 12-foot tidal surge, the storm leveled entire cities, leaving residents without electricity, water, food. In Florida alone, 63,000 homes were destroyed. The natural disaster claimed fifty-five lives and caused damage to over \$270 million in property. Along with the help of many organizations, former President Bush ordered 14,400 federal troops to aid the citizens until the communities were rebuilt. Andrew was the costliest hurricane in history,



causing more damage than even Hurricane Hugo in the Carolinas in 1989. The disaster left 500,000 homeless in Florida, Louisiana, and the Bahamas.

SOMALIA

Four federal agents were killed and fifteen wounded in Waco, Texas on February 28, 1993 when the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms raided a compound of the cult, the Branch Davidians. The raid was a result of months of investigation that David Koresh, the cult's leader, was in possession of firearms and explosive devices. Fifty-one days after the standoff began, FBI officials moved in the compound with tear gas. Unexpectedly, Koresh and the cult members set the compound on fire, killing 86 people, including 24 children.

The famine in Somalia, Africa was labeled as one of the worst in history. Estimates of the number dead range from 100,000 to half a million. Because of the clan fighting after former leader Siad Barre's ouster, many Somalian's harvests were ruined and homes destroyed. In addition to the number of lives lost because of the famine, 10,000 to 60,000 were killed from the fighting. Seeking refuge, more than a million people fled to neighboring countries. On December 9, 1992, U.S. Marines arrived in Somalia to monitor the relief shipments of food and help stop the violence.



Requirements

Curriculum offers courses that teach skills to meet challenges for future

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Unfortunately, knowledge is not gained instinctively. One has to begin simply, with basic concepts, and gradually advance to the next level of learning. Likewise, students took introductory courses before applying those concepts in an advanced class.

Students completed ninth grade English before taking other language courses. Phase 1 English classes, such as Philosophy and Literature, Western Civilization, and World Literature not only challenged the above-average student, but also received honors credit.

Three new advanced placement courses were added to the curriculum in the art, biology, and English departments.

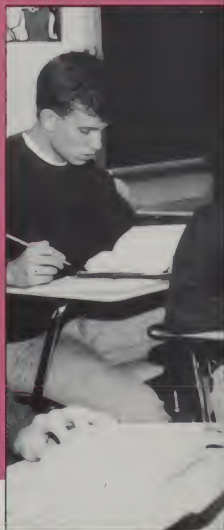
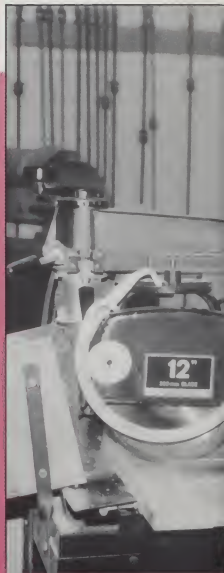
To prepare for a career, students chose from the business and vocational courses offered at VHS or the Porter County Alternative and Vocational School.

Names of classes were changed to better describe the content of the course. The English class Other Voices became Ethnic Literature, while Pre-Calculus changed its name to Mathematical Analysis.

In addition to the five foreign languages offered, anyone who took Spanish, except freshmen, was invited to travel to Mexico on special trips during spring break or in the summer.

All English students also had the opportunity to take a spring break trip to explore the environment that inspired British writers.

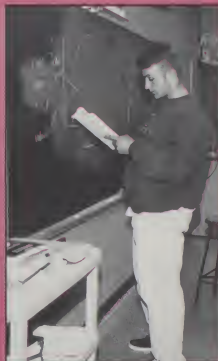
Through the diverse assortment of prerequisite and advanced academic courses, students developed A CHANGE IN THINKING. □





Sophomore Chris Holst gets some hands on experience with the electric saw in Woods Technology - Advanced Material Process. Industrial Technology courses provided basic training for students of career interest.

In AP Biology, junior Paul Schotek explains his problem solving method at the board. Students took the AP Biology Exam at the end of the year in order to test out of college course.



Before taking a test in Vocabulary, Reading, and Writing, sophomores Nicole Hife and Kevin Mahns review their notes. The seniors concentrated on improved basic writing and vocabulary skills.

Putting the finishing touches on his project for Advanced Placement Studio Art is senior Mik Steffen. This was the first year that students could take an art class and test out of college courses.

ETHNIC LINKS

Languages and History Expose Worldly Ideas

MANDY MARQUARDT: LAYOUT
DAN HUSTON: COPY

In a country, the natives know of their own way of life, but seldom, if ever, know of other ways of life foreign to them.

However, students in foreign language and social studies classes became familiar with common practices in other countries.

In addition to grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation, the five foreign languages explored the history and practice of the native lands.

In all Spanish classes, students learned of Mexi-

can, Uruguaine, Argentine, and Castillian cultures, as well as their dialects.

Four civilizations were studied because they are all equally important according to Spanish teacher Marcia Arnold.

"They have things in common, yet they're very diverse" said Arnold. "In the near future, students will need to learn the cultures as well as the language for international business."

Also examining a variety of related countries, German classes combined the cultures of Germany, Austria, and Switzerland to give students an overall idea of life in German-speaking nations.

"Understanding their culture means understanding their values; their view of the world in general," said German teacher Elke Bowman. "The language itself is a reflection of their culture."

Three years of Japanese also allowed students to explore a less familiar way of life.

"I insist my students use Japanese whenever possible," said Japanese teacher Charles Geiss.

The possibilities for use were when students would have questions for the two Japanese exchange students and Japanese Club's trips to Lao Han shopping center in Arlington Heights, IL.

Like foreign language classes, World History explored geographic regions and also studied the prehistory of man. Students also discussed how different countries' civilizations influenced one another.

"It's important to know what factors have shaped current cultures," said World History teacher Larry Reitz. "History of other nations has a great impact on U.S. history."

In foreign language and history courses, not only did students have a better understanding and knowledge of their way of life, but also understood other countries' past and present. □



To help students gain a better understanding of French grammar, instructor Diane Moryl lectures on verb conjugation. French students could learn more about France by joining French Club.

Looking for international news stories in Current World Affairs is sophomore John Homan. Instead of using textbooks, students gained most of their information from newspapers.





Reviewing her vocabulary during Latin II is junior Dana Muhleman. Memorizing vocabulary in all language classes helped students improve their usage.

Looking up a definition in the back of his Latin II book is sophomore Chris McCullough. Most foreign language textbooks contained a small dictionary.



Junior Jamie Bluhm and sophomore Christy Skingley work together to practice their German II lesson. Students often divided into small groups to work on pronunciation and word order exercises.

At Rosemarie's Restaurant in Lansing, Illinois, German Club members talk while they wait for their meal. German students joined German Club to further expand their exposure to German culture.

To commemorate Columbus Day, fourth-year Spanish instructor Kevin Cessna dresses as Christopher Columbus. The fourth year of all foreign languages received honors credit.

While working on a Pascal program outlet during Pascal I, senior Jennifer Carlberg consults her assignment sheet for assistance.



To increase her speed, freshman Jamie Buchanan practices an exercise during Keyboarding I. Students took Keyboarding to learn computers and typing.



While Viking Press Systems Editor senior Mike Weber prepares an ad, Valenian index editor senior Jackie Noe enters names of students and faculty into the computer.



Junior Tom Collins experiments with the computer program, Art Director, during Computer Graphics. Computer Graphics used computers to construct images.

During Construction, Planning and Design, sophomore Chris Garrison creates an image with a light pen. This course overviewed architecture and engineering.



USER FRIENDLY

Computer Use Extends Into New Areas

MANDY MARQUARDT: LAYOUT
JULIE BERRY: COPY

Twenty years ago the only people who used computers were an elite few with college educations and expensive taste. Today, however, computers are used by all kinds of people and found in the home, at work, and in the school.

Computerized automatic Teller Machines are found at every bank. Some retailers use instore computers to order merchandise, and home computer systems allow people to prepare taxes or play games.

Students at VHS had access to the IBM, Apple, and Macintosh computers that were available in many classrooms and labs.

Home word processors and computers were used for typing research papers in English, social studies, and other classes.

To introduce students to basic typing skills, as well as the IBM computer, Keyboarding used the IBM Word Perfect program.

Valenian and Viking Press used Macintosh computers for Desktop Publishing. Typesetting, ads, graphics, and headlines were done on the computers with various software including Microsoft Word, Pagemaker, and Type-styler.

"The computers save money and give the paper and yearbook a more sophisticated look," said Gloria Zimmerman, Viking Press/Valenian advisor. "Using the computers also teaches students to use specialized graphics programs."

In addition to the Learning Center computerized system that kept track of check out and return of books, it also offered up-to-date research methods. The Newsbank system and Microfiche were available to help students look up general information and newspaper articles.

In the Technology Department, computers enabled students in Construction, Planning, and Design Class to work with actual tools used, thereby providing basic on-the-job training.

The Art Department also utilized computers in classes such as Commercial Art and Computer Graphics. Students not only could create original work, but also learned the basics of Macintosh computers.

Computers and computer users are seen in a new light when compared to those 20 years ago. Computers are now used in almost every aspect of education. □



In the Learning Center, senior Mark Nelson researches for his government report. Students often used the Newsbank Computer index to periodicals.

During Computer Graphics I Carolyn Lelek answers sophomores Jason Dennington and Mandy Imre's questions about design and layout of business cards.



Pascal I instructor Sharon Schroeder reviews a Pascal program output with Senior Jaime Edgecomb. Pascal I used Apple IIe computers.

During Photography I, junior Mike Daiber focuses his negative before making a contact print. Photography I students learned how to use equipment and dark room procedures.

To complete his project, sophomore Brian Hanley works independently during Metal Technology. In addition to an overview of the properties of metal, students studied techniques used in various manufacturing processes.



To check the voltage on a volt-ohm meter during Introduction to Electronics, sophomore Jeremy Lee hooks wires to their corresponding terminals. Students were taught the fundamentals of electricity and electronics.



LONE STUDIES

Students Learn How To Work Independently

MANDY MARQUARDT: LAYOUT
HEATHER CLAUSSEN: COPY

Many people are familiar with the popular saying, "Actions speak louder than words." This proverb not only applies to real-life situations, but also in the classroom.

Independent study classes and lab courses such as art, photography, science, Valenian, and Viking Press gave students an opportunity to work individually and learn new things on their own.

Independent learning and lab classes are classes

that do less talking and more doing. This theory is being supported by more educators today, said Dr. Larry Stuber, English teacher and Gifted Coordinator.

According to Stuber, independent learning can be used in many classes.

Stuber's seminar classes were designed so only a small part of class time was spent on lecture. In the remaining class time students applied the information through projects.

Art instructor Roberta Lynn believes that some hands on learning is needed since students are influenced by a visual society. Lynn's teaching style contained demonstration, lecture, and application.

Although independent learning allowed many new freedoms, it also required responsibilities such as cooperation and time-management.

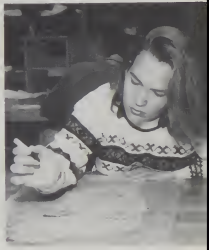
"People have to learn from each other and cooperate. Sometimes there is no teacher to help and not many rules to follow," said freshman Mary Tobey.

When asked about her rules, Lynn said that students should be aware of what the rules are and what acceptable behavior is.

Students taking Valenian and Viking Press were given an entire class period to work independently on their assigned sections. Each staff was closely monitored, yet students worked on their specific tasks, adviser Gloria Zimmerman said.

Viking Press allowed students to develop reasoning skills of their own, said editor-in-chief, senior Amanda Kaluzny.

Lab and independent study classes gave students a chance to work by themselves or in small groups. They, in turn, gained cooperation skills, responsibility, independence. □



Junior Jason Ziemann glues his project during Advanced Wood Technology. First-year Industrial Technology teacher Debra Seeley instructed the class designed for students interested in various careers including carpentry and architecture.

Helping Chemistry Instructor William Boyle demonstrate an experiment is sophomore Chelsea Abbott. Students in all science courses were often divided into groups of two or more to complete required labs.

Putting the finishing touches on her concentration area, a picture made using a series of dots, during A.P. Art is senior Laura Simpson. Students were selected by a committee to take the new course.

FUTURE PLANS

Readiness For Years To Come Begins In Class

MANDY MARQUARDT: LAYOUT
DAN HUSTON: COPY

Children are often told that to survive in the real world they need at least a high school education. They must learn their science, math, English, and history.

While these subjects are necessary for surviving in school and at a job, other more basic skills are needed to succeed in life. Many courses prepared students for the day-to-day problems they'll encounter after high school. These courses include Health, Foods and

Nutrition, Textiles and Clothing, Quest "Skills for Living", and Family Relations.

Many people are establishing careers before they marry. Single men and women alike, need to learn basic food preparation techniques. Foods and Nutrition taught these skills as well as the nutritional value of foods.

"I believe learning safety and the basic technique in the kitchen is very necessary. Nutritional awareness is very essential," said Foods teacher Ginger Sajdera.

In Substance Abuse, students were taught about lethal and addictive substances. Peer pressure was also a topic discussed.

"This class is here to inform students about making choices they'll need to make all their lives," said Health instructor Mark Hoffman.

Quest "Skills for Living" also taught students about giving a positive output, honoring others' feelings, setting positive goals, and gaining proper communication skills.

"The students' responsibility is to see what they can do to be happy," Quest teacher Dale Ciciora said.

"After taking Quest, I learned more about people and families. I gained a new outlook on life," said senior Debbie Boyd.

Although most courses which taught skills for living were electives, four semesters of Physical Education were required to graduate. Students who took P.E. learned how to set a regimented exercise program and the minimum amount of exercise needed to keep physically fit.

While English, math, science, and history were very important, skills such as cooking, sewing, and relating to others was also needed for the future. □



Presenting their opinions on a Substance Abuse topic to instructor Jane Foreman are seniors Brian Jurgenson, Susan Jacobsen, and Joyce DeRolf



Putting the finishing touches on a pie during Beginning Foods are freshman Angie Swisher and sophomore Kelly Lanyi. Students spent two days each week in the cooking lab.

After making a hit while playing softball during Physical Education, freshman Jeff Lamb dashes to first base. To meet graduation requirements students had to take at least four semesters of P.E.





Working on a corduroy sack project for Beginning Textiles and Clothing is junior Amy Reuter. Beginning Sewing taught the basics of fabric and clothing design.

During Beginning Foods and Nutrition, junior Zack Malasto and sophomore Laura Evers set their table. Emphasis was not only placed on cooking, but also on nutrition and safety in the kitchen.



Sophomores Dave Fordham, Jerry Klemz, and Diane Naly gather and compare opinions in Quest with juniors Courtney Pera and Kim Gannon. Quest taught techniques to improve problem-solving and communication.

Work Orientation instructor Jerry Hager assists sophomore Renee Zwinklis with an assignment about confidence in job-seeking. During Work Orientation, students were given tips on getting a job.

OPINIONS DIFFER CONCERNING

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BECKY GIMENEZ
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Whether it's a five-problem worksheet in geometry or a 10 page term paper with 200 notecards, homework was an intrinsic part of students' lives. Most students did not generally enjoy homework; however, some preferred certain types of assignments over others.

Many students felt that teachers assigned busywork, such as worksheets or review questions, just to give students something to work on.

"I'd rather have to do one or two papers every week than do a bunch of worksheets every night," said senior Dina Lozano.

Others felt that the stresses involved in bigger projects was not worth the lessened load of homework every night.

"You pick up points more easily with little assignments every night," said senior Kelly Beekman. "If you mess up a big project, though, there go your points."

Different types of classes also tended to facilitate different types of assignments. English teachers were more likely to assign papers or presentations, while math classes were assigned practice problems or worksheets.

"Even though little assignments are easier, you put more of yourself into work that you actually create," junior Craig Haltom said.

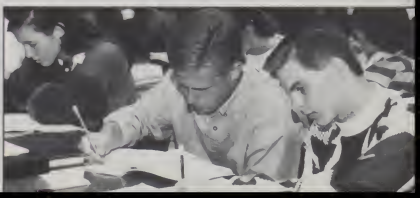
Papers, worksheets, speeches, questions, and group projects were all necessary parts of school. Although different students preferred different types of assignments, all shared the experience of doing the work. □

HOMEWORK

Industrial technology teacher Debra Seeley assists freshman Denny Howard in measuring plywood. Industrial Technology students had to work on assignments during class due to the equipment required.



Juniors Mike Bishop and Nick Bilunas help each other with a Biology assignment. Students found that working together was often helpful.



Before his teacher arrives, Junior Mike Homan catches up on a reading assignment. Students took advantage of every free moment when they had unfinished homework to complete.



Social studies Sid Reggie reviews a homework assignment with his Current World Affairs class. Homework assignments varied from weekly, standing assignments, to long-term research projects.



Receiving help on her assignment from German teacher Lew Rhinehart is sophomore Leslie Rea. Each department had tutors available every hour to assist students.

Researching for their term papers in the Learning Center are seniors Tami Higer, Kara Schulteis, and Diana Fleig. Some students preferred large projects to homework every night.



Using the Musical Instrument Digital Interface software to compose and orchestrate music are Creative Musical Theater students sophomore Brian Benway, junior Erica Hengstler, and junior Andy Urschel. Creative Musical Theatre class, which combined musical and dramatic talent, toured New York City in October.

Seniors Tricia Oswald and Sarah Kuck announce the arrival of the band during the Popcorn Festival parade. The combined bands performed at two parades during the year including the Valparaiso University Homecoming parade.



"B" Band — Front Row: Sarah Hites, Gina Creutzburg, Tammy Kehe, Jamie Bluhm, Valerie Piehl, Sarah Smith, Jane Barknecht, Tami Breit, Christina Sherlock, Sheri Keller. Second Row: Bethany Hazen, Kelly Yagelski,

Julie Berry, Becky Covington, Mandy Spencer, Brandi Camahan, Angela Ceccarelli, Christy Saffron, Heather Allen, Michelle Pappas, Carrie Barber, Kim Sturgell, Debbie Little, Stephanie Hutnik, Julie Hollar. Third Row: Cara Whisler,

Brandy Covel, Kelly Lawhead, Becky Lahne, Amy Lashbrook, Stephanie Breit, Justin Schmidt, Cheryl Gilbert, Josh Viers, Alexis Renahan, Mike Pulido, Paul Foreman, Mike Miller, Matt Rickman, Karl Berner, Matt Vale, Jessie Lester, Mahin-

da Ratnayake, Angela Prucin-sky, Adam Burke, Matt Hasier, Elizabeth Fliege. Back Row: Dan Huston, Jon Raedeke, Tina Haseick, Heidi Rosenbaum, Danielle Bishop, Jessica Hicks, Rob Kubiszak, Bryan Tullis, Nathan Eagan, James Bovy,

Derek Schoppa, Lauren Garcia, Mark Kolar, Mike Weber, John Ashbaugh, Dustin Williams, Gloria Simansky, Sarah Kwickler. "B" Band members joined "A" and "C" bands in marching band during football season.

TOPPING SCALES

'A', 'B' Bands Seek Repeat Performance

MANDY MARQUARDT: LAYOUT
DEBBIE LITTLE: COPY

In order for any organization to be successful, several factors must be present. There must be support from those involved, as well as outsiders, and dedication by the participants.

The 'A' and 'B' bands met all these criteria. Their many accomplishments served as proof of their excellence.

"By and large, it is the attitudes of the students that make the bands as successful as they are. They work hard and are committed to making the band the best that it can be. I think we also have the involvement, interest, and support of the community and the administration," said Robert Miller, director of music.

'A' Band, conducted by Miller, was composed of 81 students primarily upperclassmen. Associate director of bands Daniel Pritchett conducted 'B' Band's 70 members who were mostly juniors and sophomores.

The third group, 'C' Band was co-conducted by Miller and Pritchett, and was composed primarily of freshman.

One accomplishment of the bands was their achievements at state contest. Although the contest has only existed nine years, 'A' Band has earned first place award seven of those years including its sixth consecutive title in 1992.

'B' Band has also traveled to state contest for the last four years, making Valparaiso the only school in Indiana to qualify two bands.

"Students have a part in choosing the music for contest because we feel it's a big commitment on their part, and they should enjoy what they play," Pritchett said.

"I enjoy band because it's a fun experience, and you can learn responsibility when you go to state contest," 'A' band member Jason Ruzga said.

Besides preparing for contest in the spring, the bands were also involved in many other activities. Both bands combined to form marching band which performed at all home football games, in the Popcorn Festival parade, and in Valparaiso University's homecoming parade. The musicians participated in several solo and ensemble contests, and several formal concerts, including the annual all-school holiday program "This is Our Story" on December 8.

'A' band was also the feature entertainment at Dollars for Scholars, a banquet and fundraiser for student scholarships also in December. To add to the spirit of the game, all bands performed at two or three home basketball games.

"There's a lot of discipline to be learned through the study of music and a commitment to a group," said Pritchett.

"Band has given me so much pride and self-confidence. I was proud of everything I did," said Judy Barbknecht, band president.

The 'A' and 'B' bands had all the elements that make an activity successful. With the success that has come to them, Valparaiso had earned the right to call itself "Home of the Concert Band State Champions." □



"A" Band — Front Row: Katie Bonifas, Sean Hale, Holly Rosenbaum, Amy Newell, Judy Barbknecht, Tricia Oswald, Dina Lozano, Angie Metzger, Maria Hawkins, Jenny Lashbrook. Second Row: Sarahlynn Lester, Tami Higer, Holly Balon, Jessica Besterman, Laura Owens, Amy Pinkerton,

Jennifer Herseman, Lisa Tuyschaers, Melissa Trott, Jamie Roof, Meghan Davies, Ellen Clifford, Amber Maul, Charlene Williams, Sarah Kuck, Michelle Pio. Third Row: Stephanie Demkowicz, Julie Puffer, Alyssa Swenson, Mimi Austensen, Solitaire Briggs, Kris Brennan, Shannon Swanson,

Patricia Hawkins, Kara Schulteis, Anna Gratz, Leslee Hewlett, Katie Bachman, Chris Marsch, Laura Thomas, Tim Marler, Rachel Mack, Bill Oliver, Kim Kuchl, Adrienne Harris, Matt Lamb, Erik Iverson, Eric Brown. Fourth Row: Adrian Urgino, Nicole Briggs, Laura Elieff, Zack Malasto, Andy

Urschel, Harry Prassas, Mike Hans, Karl Keach, Margaret McGough, Frank Rocchio, Cindy Crowley, Keith Porapiboon, Jon Myers, Greg Gratson, David Hollar, Chris Barber, Anthony Hudgins, Amy Zulich, Ann Ehlers, Casee Hewlett, Amber Burdette, Allison Eichhorn, Mike Weber,

Stephanie Sweitzer, Renee Gilbert, Jason Ruzga. Back Row: Carolyn Nobles, Sara Clifford, Naho Seki, Jordan Williams, Brad Wolf. Not Pictured: Eric Frank, Jay Will. Juniors and seniors in 'A' and 'B' bands traveled to Florida to play at Walt Disney World during spring break.

NOTING TALENT

Members Add Expression To Music Pieces

MANDY MARQUARDT: LAYOUT
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Talent can come in many forms. Athletics and academics are two talents most often attributed to high school students. A third talent however, was evident with the music program.

The music program was subdivided into several separate, yet equally important categories based on capabilities, interests, and experience.

To allow students to pursue their musical interests, "C" band and orchestra were offered.

Orchestra, conducted by Robert Miller, director of music, and Monica Schafer, was composed of 40 members.

"Being in orchestra has taught me to work with other people because the orchestra is like a team who has to work together," said viola player, sophomore Erica Chael.

Besides string players, the orchestra also included wind instruments for special performances, contests, and concerts.

"B" band French horn player Julie Hollar, who performed with the orchestra at state contest, said, "Orchestra was different than band because we played a lot more classical music."

This year, the orchestra was one of three in Indiana selected to perform at Butler University. They also participated in a fall concert, a pre-contest concert, and a spring concert which took place in late May.

In addition to these contests, orchestra musicians competed in solo and ensemble contests. Last year, for the first time in its history, orchestra entered the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) contest in the highest group, Group I, where it finished eighth place.

Due to the increasing enrollment in band, "C" band served as a training band which is composed primarily of freshmen. Co-conducting the 70 students were Miller and Daniel Pritchett.

"The whole band program has been increasing, so we had to add a third band. We now have 221 students enrolled in the high school band program," Miller said.

Like orchestra and "A" and "B" bands, "C" Band also competed in the ISSMA contest. The band entered in Group II, where it received "Superior" ratings. They also performed in solo and ensemble contest, and the same concerts as "A" and "B" bands.

"Through band and orchestra, students learn to appreciate music and how to perform in front of a large group of people. Being in the music program gives them a lot of self-discipline and gives them a chance to express themselves musically," Miller said.

"I really enjoy being in band. We get to march in the parades and give our teams spirit at the games. I also like performing in concerts," said flute player, freshman Erin Case.

Having all the winning athletic and academic teams is not the only thing that is important to a school. They also need to have a talented music program comprised of students and teachers who enjoy what they're doing.



Orchestra — Front Row: Ryan Lauer, Hartmut Becher, Jackie Schnirring, Charlotte Sadler, Michael Bustos, Jane Bradlaw, Mag Ehlers, Erica Chael, Christy Singly, Marthana Baker, Second Row:

Dennis Marrell, Jeanine Lauer, Francis Mazur, Anne Holterhoff, Sarah Utley, Jason Bearce, Kim Sheibels, Anne Maesch, Joshua Price, Teri Flynn, Kellilyn Wheeler, Sarah Christian, Mandy Campbell.

Back Row: Paul Senne, Alex Samardzich, Adam Laws, Jill Westergren, Eva Ludington, Erin Beebe, Kim Corley, Kara Christian, Stephanie Utterback, Jolina Graves, Brian Meanovich, Dustin Williams,

Amber Turpin, Larry Phillips, Steve Manwaring, Mandy Darnell, Michael Kozkowski. Orchestra members participated in the annual holiday program "This Is Our Story" in December.



During Music Theory, senior Megan White and sophomore Mary D'Aloisio clap the beat of a piece of music. The class, offered tenth period, was taught by choir director Linda Springer.

'C' Band — Front Row: Joe Rosado, Andrew Bernard, Jeff Brown, Kari Espeland, Misty Gaurd, Carol Barney,

Kristin Kellogg, Julie Manweiler, Kerrie Spiller, Angela Adam. Second Row: Jennifer McBride, Jennifer Burbes, Nicole Nipros, Joe Aylesworth-Gratz, Nick Gurniewicz, Carrie Dolezal, Tiffany Pullara, Sara Davies, Elizabeth Amos, Ann Hrivnak, Kristi Karpenko, Jennifer Mehring, Erin Case. Third Row: Angela Jones, Tonya Fero, Lisa Schelling, Sharon Ellis,

Anissa Graham, Katie Becka, Brian Cannon, Anne Geary, Peter Wilson, Angelica Mortensen, Elaine Nobles, Dan DiPrisco, Leanne McKinney, Rebecca Reiner, Jon Foelber, Ann Sapia, Kelly Keesler, Micah Green, Lynette Will, Jennifer Deem, David Germann, Paul Johnson. Back Row: Peter Weber, Brian Benway, Karen Pio, Chris Tones, Emily Fleg,

Paul Von Tobel, Tom Rickman, Jonathon Smith, Eric Nickelson, David Hall, Zach Balon, Bill Delcourt, Jeff Lamb, Tom McDaniel, Greg Howe, Josh Bachman, Matt Busse, Anna Rocchio, Susie Bontrager, Mary Tobey, Josh Adams, Eric Schwartz, Frank Dutcher, Kevin Tumbleson, Mary Mowbray, Jon Ken, Jeremy Burleson. 'C' joined 'A' and 'B' for marching.



Senior cellist Marthena Baker practices during Orchestra for an upcoming concert. Students of all grades had the opportunity to join Orchestra, which provided an alternative to concert band.

Trombonist Matt Busse, a freshman, concentrates on his music during 'C' Band practice. Members of 'C' Band, most of which were freshmen, were taught the fundamentals of music.

Mixed Chorus — Front Row: Trisha Bluhm, Tracy Kudor, Chrissy Farnum, Robin White, Abby Browne, Heather Reynolds, Tiffany Koselke, Tammi Sabinske. **Second Row:** Kirsten Versey, Denissa Dowell, Tracy Bond, Brad Hachel, Eric Larson, Dave Fordham, Brittney Honchar, Cara Carver, Delilah

Rivera, Karrey Stickle. **Back Row:** Maryanna Smith, Gina Stevanovich, Trisha Cook, John McCleery, Roger West, Brian Berrier, Susie Jacobsen, Julie Harvey, Melissa Selby, Kathy Hedgepeth. **Not pictured:** Jeremiah Benham, Courtney Coughlin, Bobby Fancher, Danielle Goodman, Kyle Hughes,

Tiffany Miller, Clint Sandlin, Mende Stroud, Tammy Wemer, Jason Zeman.

During the annual "Fall Fantasia" concert Varsity Singers member Tricia Oswald performs a solo. Members of Varsity Singers were also enrolled Concert Choir.



Varsity Singers — Front Row: Steve Spanopoulos, Kelly Beekman, Erin Casbon, Larry Phillips. **Second Row:** Anthony Hudgins, Liz Heinold, Dana Muhleman, Joe Pollaro, Katie Bachman, Andy Urschel, Tricia Oswald, Karl Berner, Chelsea Abbott. **Third Row:** Micheal Knight, Ingrid Hyle, Josh Jones, Chris Rosado, John Evans, Jennifer Lute, Tom Oram. **Fourth Row:** Martha Gioia, Genny Hurst. **Back Row:** Jennifer Hersemann, Rick Urschel, Laura Smith, Andrew Jones, Jennifer Burrus.



Concert Choir — **Front Row:** Josh Jones, secretary; Laura Smith, president; Erin Casbon, vice-president. **Second Row:** Heidi Hickman, Megan White, Chelsea Abbott, Chris Rosado, Karl Berner, Tom Oram, Perrin Boharing, John Sporberg, Jennifer Lute, Kelly Beekman, Renee Gilbert, Marcie Wilcox. **Third Row:** Megan Neil, Tracy

Armstrong, Dawn Guard, Kris Lloyd, Cindy Lenburg, Anthony Hudgins, Larry Phillips, Steve Spanopoulos, Mark Kolar, David Bault, Chris Mortensen, Tricia Oswald, Amanda McCormick, Amy Pinkerton. **Fourth Row:** Sheri Keller, Stephanie Shipley, Debbie Boyd, Dana Muhlemann, Liz Heinold, Micheal Knight, Mike Kolar,

Rick Urschel, Joe Pollaro, Derek Schoppa, Genny Hurst, Jennifer Burrus, Sunny Nixon, Amy Gleason, Sara Clifford. **Back Row:** Kim Newton, Jenny Basinski, Jennifer Silva, Jennifer Dopp, Ingrid Hyle, Bob Gorincen, Kobb-Sette, Andy Urschel, John Evans, John Schlorff, Cate Koskey, Katie Bachman, Jennifer Hersemann, April Hodge,

Thea Mason. Concert Choir, which was composed primarily of juniors and seniors, participated in the ISSMA contest.

Accompanied by Choral Director Linda Springer, senior Jenny Basinski and junior Kelly Gerstenberger practice a piece of music during Girls' Glee.



CATCHY TUNES

Singers Learn Performance Techniques

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In the movie "Sister Act," Whoopi Goldberg transformed a group of nuns into a world-famous, religious singing sensation. By utilizing the unique talents of each member, Goldberg discovered the key to perfect harmony.

Regardless of their talent or experience, students who enjoyed singing were able to join one of the four choral groups. Although each choir was unique in purpose, goals, and activities, their members combined their efforts to make music.

Any student could enroll in Mixed Chorus, the only non-audition choir. Composed primarily of freshmen, students learned how to read music and sing in harmony.

"Mixed Chorus learns the basics of musical production," said Linda Springer, choral director.

With the unique composition of all females, Girls' Glee tackled many different types of music.

"I have challenged them a lot this year, and they are a hard-working group," Springer said.

Concert Choir consisted of juniors and seniors who were more advanced in their vocal ability. For auditions they were expected to sight read as well as sing a solo. This choir undertook a wide range of difficulty varying from contemporary to classical selections.

At the annual ISSMA contest, choral students performed as soloists or with an ensemble, while Concert Choir sang three songs.

As the only extracurricular vocal group, Varsity Singers sang as well as danced. The 26 members, also known as Swing Choir, practiced every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. These choir members also participated in Concert Choir.

After being selected for Concert Choir, interested students auditioned again for Varsity Singers. Judges graded the applicants on vocal and dance ability. All Varsity Singers were then required to attend a two-week summer camp at VHS.

Members of the singing and dancing group gained a wide range of experience in addition to the enjoyment of performing lively, musical numbers.

"Varsity Singers allowed me to meet more people and feel comfortable in front of a group," sophomore Jennifer Burrus said.

Through various fund raisers, the Varsity Singers' budget allowed them to purchase new dresses for the girls and a new sound system.

Varsity Singers sang a madrigal at the ISSMA solo and ensemble contest as a large ensemble. The select group performed at school events, as well as for various community organizations.

The choral department participated in several contests including "Fall Fantasia" in October and "This is Our Story" in December.

"I am very pleased with the choirs' progress," said Springer.

The cooperation between Whoopi Goldberg and the nuns in the movie "Sister Act," along with their hard work, were essential to make their singing group successful. These qualities were also present throughout the choral department. □



Girls' Glee — Front Row: Julie Hugus, secretary; Jill Petcu, president; Shannon Payne, vice-president. Second Row: Kelly Gerstenberger, Stephanie Dunivan, Jessica Kolar, Laurie Shamel, Allison Comstock, Kelly Kish, Rachel Besterman, Amy Crowe, Mimi Austensen. Third Row:

Cyndi Bontrager, Jessica Long, Jenny Gee, Dana Lew, Natalie Boglieski, Jocelyn Maehle, Janice Richards, Jennifer Hawkins, Jenny Baskinski, Sara Craycraft, Mary Schulz, Barbra Clemens. Back Row: Mandy Rogers, Kimberly Sheibels, Angie Jeffs, Hope

Fierst, Katie Gierse, Susan Salen, Carrie Hollet, Elisha Bauer, Charlotte Sarver, Bev Adkins, Shawna Dickson. Not pictured: Julane Anderson, Suzanne Buckley, Danielle Crim, Elizabeth Marsch, Mary Troup.

FINDING FACTS

English Helps To Enhance Research Skills

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In the more simple days of elementary school, a research project often was characterized by the entire class walking single file to the school library where the students would go directly to the World Book and copy the article of their choice. Through the years, however, research becomes more than simply finding facts, but can potentially become an exciting experience of discovery.



During English/Journalism, sophomore Ed Kim practices writing headlines. In addition to conducting interviews and writing stories, students learned how to write captions and draw layouts.

Proofreading another student's paper during Creative Writing is senior Shellie Malayer. Students often traded papers to receive feedback from other students on their original stories.

"Research is a rewarding experience because you will always find something you never knew before," said English teacher Cheryn Maesch.

Various classes, from English to social studies and sciences gave students the opportunity to build research skills while gathering information. For example, in Speech and Mass Media classes, the research was presented orally while in Critical Writing or Term Paper the student submitted their findings in writing.

"The purpose of Term Paper is to prepare students for sophisticated research and analysis," said English teacher Judy Lebryk. Not limited to literature, history and English, research also played an important role in the sciences.

In Michelle Salomon's chemistry classes, students gave oral presentations on any science-related topic after research. Craig McCarron required students in his Geometry classes to write a paper dealing with a topic used in mathematics.

Staying up until sunrise is often associated with the negative side of research, however, many students believed that successfully finishing the task was well worth the hard work.

"When I finish a research project I always feel that I have accomplished something," said senior Jeff Precourt.

While the days of World Book rewrites are over, by making use of quality research material along with enthusiasm and original ideas, research reports not only were a summary of another person's work, but also an expression of someone's own creativity. □





To better organize his notes during Term Paper, senior Andy Koehler writes them on notecards. Many seniors took term Paper to prepare for college writing.

To prepare for an upcoming debate, sophomore Nicole Kunshek asks Dr. Larry Stuber to look over her notes. Students taking Debate participated in regularly scheduled debates and received honors credit.



As her class researches in the Learning Center, sophomore Heather Claussen looks through the Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature to prepare for a unit on self-esteem for Freshman Seminar.

Sophomore Justin West discusses Women's Image in Advertising during Mass Media. As part of their nine weeks' grade, students researched a media-related topic and gave a 10-minute oral report.

Cast members rehearse for the Drama Club's fall production, "The Diary of Anne Frank." Drama Club also sponsored April Antics, a variety show open to all students.

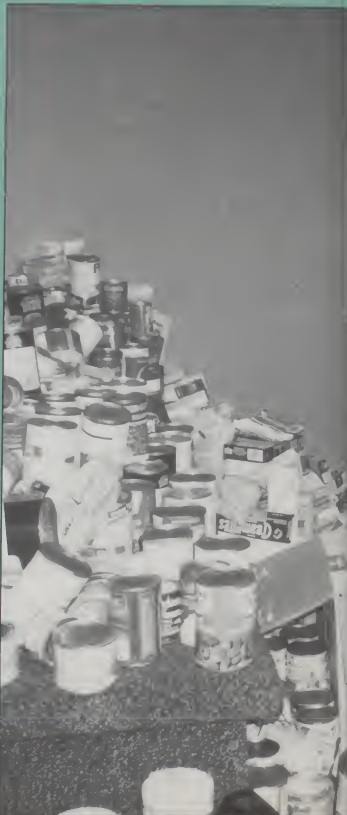
The Vikettes march onto the football field for their final performance, "Batman." Unlike many other clubs, Vikettes met as a class every day first semester.



At the annual V-Teens Halloween party Katie Looft entertains the children of faculty members. In addition, V-Teens selected the King of Hearts court and sponsored the turn-about dance February 20.



Junior Mike Murphy helps sort donated canned goods for the Student Council's annual Thanksgiving food drive. Student Council's other activities included Spirit Week, Christmas Dance, and a Toy Drive.





Participation promotes dedication
and leadership for club members

Individually

KIM ABNER: LAYOUT
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Striving towards a goal can be a frustrating experience if only one person works to achieve it. However, when many people contribute to a common purpose, these goals are reached fast and easy.

Clubs provided a way for students to come together to share interests and concern for any of the 33 organizations.

The foreign language department founded the newest organizations, Spanish Club and Japanese Club.

Intramurals promoted good sportsmanship and strengthened the active athlete in his or her sport.

Unlike other clubs, *Viking Press* and *Valenian* met as a class and gave students an opportunity to gain writing experience.

Demonstrating their continuing concern for others, V-Teens, HOPE, and SADD volunteered to help the school and community.

Those who participated in Student Council and Student Faculty Senate represented the student body, and worked with the administration to improve the school. National Honor Society recognized students who exhibited service, scholarship, and leadership achievements.

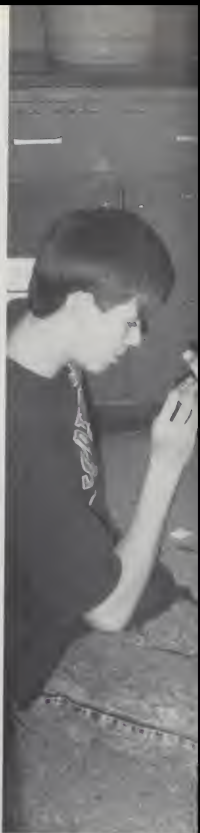
Quiz Bowl, Academic Superbowl, Academic Decathlon, and Spell Bowl encouraged a mixture of knowledge and competitiveness.

Students in these organizations worked to reach many goals and interests and provide A CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP. □

Freshmen Matt Minnick, Wes Dickinson, and senior Susan Rich practice the building part of "Write It, Do It!", to prepare for the Science Olympiad Regional competition. The team advanced to the state finals.

Science Olympiad Team - Front Row: Dana Muhleman, Angie Jeffs. **Second Row:** Susan Rich, Lisa Harrison, Meg White, Adriana Decker, Sunny Nixon. **Third Row:** Wes Dickinson, Chip Bolt, Andy Boyle, Cliff Racz, Shawn Spano, Bimal Doshi, Mithan Nallari. **Back Row:** Matt Minnick, Ben Holterhoff, Dave Coyle; coach.

Senior Academic Superbowl members David Hollar, Karen Mantel, and sophomore Cara Whisler discuss a chapter in their book to prepare for an upcoming competition. This year's theme, "The African American," was translated into seven different topics.



Academic Decathlon Team — Front Row: Sarahlynn Lester, Marthana Baker. **Middle Row:** Doug Kinsey, Rebecca Gimenez, Christie Patterson. **Back Row:** John Hagg, Seth Lee, Jamie Edgcomb, Paul Lee. Academic Decathlon members competed in 10 areas including math, literature, and economics.

Spell Bowl Team - Front Row: Crista Choo-Kang, Laura Owens, Lis Mullin, Katie McCann, Jeff Brown, John Knauft; sponsor. **Back Row:** Shannon Higgins, Jen Sausman, Brian Benway, Dan Hayford, Eric Brown, Matt Daiber, Joey Waters. **Not pictured:** Becky Hall, David Sexton, Josh Viers, Bill Sullivan, Jeff Sederberg.

Academic Superbowl Team - Front: Lisa Schelling, Mariko Lin, Erica Chael, Julie Hollar, Mandy Rodgers. **Second Row:** Cara Whisler, Karen Mantel, Mag Ehlers, Casee Hewlett, Allison Eichhorn, Jessica Malak. **Third Row:** Jim Hanlon, Dave Hollar, Sean Hale, B. J. Austin, Eric Brown. **Back Row:** Scott Jacobs, Brendon Quinn.



EXCEL BRAIN POWER

SARA BROWN: LAYOUT
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While the phrase "extracurricular" usually means athletics, for members of the five academic teams, extra curricular meant working out mentally rather than physically.

Beginning its season in February, the Academic Superbowl team competed in math, science, social studies, fine arts, English, and all-around.

"The year's theme (African Americans) was translated into each area," said sponsor Elizabeth Hall.

Having similar competitions, Academic Decathlon included 10 topics ranging from fine arts to math.

Competing in only English, social studies, math, and science, Quiz Bowl emphasized fun in addition to seriousness, according to sponsor Ben Austin.

Spell Bowl, a specialized team, included students who received top scores on selected spelling tests. The team finished second in the Duneland Academic Conference competition.

Sophomore Crista Choo-

"Science Olympiad has helped me deal with physical injury. It showed I could use my mind instead of my body"

***Cliff Racz
sophomore***

Kang received the Duneland Academic Conference All-Star Speller Award, said Spell Bowl coach John Knauff.

In its second year, the Science Olympiad team sought to better last year's fourth place Regional performance. Members competed in specialized areas of different sciences, under the direction of sponsor Dave Coyle.

"Science Olympiad has helped me deal with physical injury. It showed me that I could use my mind instead of my body," said sophomore Cliff Racz.

While athletes excelled using their bodies, academic team members pushed themselves to the limit using their minds. □



Senior Science Olympiad team members Angie Jeffs and Susan Rich study the composition of DNA for the genetic event. This was the second year Science Olympiad was offered at the high school.

Quiz Bowl Team - Front Row: Ben Austin, sponsor; Kris Breltich, Renee Gilbert, Marthana Baker. Back Row: John Hogg, Dan Wilkin, B. J. Austin, Tom Collins.

CREATE GAINING EXPERIENCE

SARA BROWN: LAYOUT
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"Extra, extra, read all about it..." In the past, school news was spread by word of mouth. Today, student publications are the instruments in which news is conveyed.

To keep a permanent record of the school year Valenian and Viking Press served to inform the public.

Valenian and Viking Press were offered as English classes, although there were no tests, quizzes or textbooks. Grades were based on meeting deadlines.

"Valenian and Viking are

"Valenian and Viking Press are unique in that they allow students to gain publishing experience,"

Gloria Zimmerman
publications advisor

unique in that they both allow students to gain actual work experience in publishing," said advisor Gloria Zimmerman.

Experience was the key for the 13-member Valenian staff, in which nine were returning staff members.

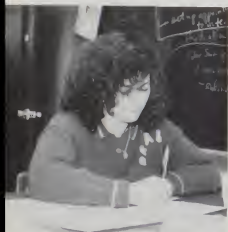
Valenian was an annual publication under the supervision of co-editors Kim Abner and Heidi Letz.

Editor-in-chief Amanda Kalunzy led the Viking Press, a monthly publication.

"Viking Press deadlines cause stress, but the reward of seeing your work is well worth it," said junior Katy Riley, copy editor.

The Viking Press staff typeset each monthly issue by utilizing Macintosh computers.

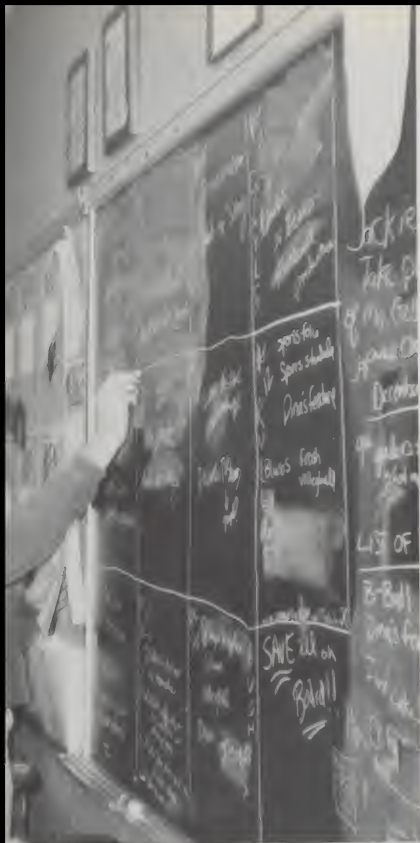
Even though the means of distributing news has transformed from the past to the present, the news was still an everyday part of students' lives. □



Finalizing one of her advertising layouts, senior Debbie Boyd writes instructions on her art board. Boyd, a three-year staff member, coordinated advertising and book sales for the 1993 Valenian.

Viking Press Staff — Front Row: Marie Fattore, Jen Stevens, Dina Lozano, Katy Riley. Second Row: Amanda Kalunzy, Aaron Kochar, advisor Gloria Zimmerman. Back Row: Bryce Drew, Mike Weber, Don Lukes, Jeff Precourt.





Viking Press editor-in-chief, Amanda Kaluzny, plans the page content for the October issue. Kaluzny was responsible for the layout, design, and center-spreads for each monthly issue.



Relaxing while preparing interview questions is Viking Press managing editor Jeff Precourt. He also coordinated advertising sales and design which financed the monthly paper.

Typing the first drafts of their stories are Viking Press sports reporter Dina Lozano and news editor Jen Stevens. After their first drafts were approved by the copy editor, all writers typeset stories on the Macintosh computers. Staff members were also required to lay out a page for each issue.



Working together to organize the 1993 Valenian are co-editors Kim Abner and Heidi Letz. Both seniors attended the Indiana University High School Journalism Institute, where they chose the book's theme, "A Change in Tradition." Letz also won a partial journalism scholarship to Indiana University.

Valenian Staff - Front Row: Amy Zelaya, John Sponberg, Jessica Pacholke, Liz Heinholt. Second Row: Becky Gimenez, Bret Kutansky, Debbie Boyd, JoAnne Caporale, Sara Brown. Back Row: Heidi Letz, Kim Abner, Sean Lively, Mandy Marquardt, Tim Marler, Dan Huston.

TALENT OUT SPOKEN

SARA BROWN: LAYOUT
FARRAH MATHAS: COPY

Standing up in front of an audience is not something most students enjoy. Their heart pounds, their palms sweat, their knees buckle, and their voices crack as they attempt to present a speech to their peers.

A unique group of students, however, took pleasure in speaking in front of audiences. For these students, Drama Club and the Speech and Debate Teams allowed them to compete while doing something they enjoyed.

With over 100 members, the Drama Club performed four shows, one of which was a Halloween children's production entitled "For the Love of a Worm." Also in the fall, the club presented "The Diary of Anne Frank."

"It's important to remain actively involved in the club whether or not they're performing," said Alice Gambel, Drama Club sponsor.

Although directed by Gambel, the annual spring variety show, "April Antics," invited all students to perform April 23-24. Drama Club members provided leadership both on the stage and behind the scenes, however.

Membership in Drama Club was open to all students who wanted to be creative.

"I joined my freshman year because I liked performing in junior high and I wanted to continue in high school," said senior Debbie Boyd.

Also performance orientated, the Speech Team enabled

"We had a strong team this year with bright new members"

Barbara Punter
Speech Team
Head Coach

students to develop acting, communication, interpretation, and presentation skills. The 30-member team competed in individual, and duo-interpretation meets throughout the year.

Open to all students, Speech Team was under the direction of head coach Barbara Punter. Working with Punter to coordinate the team were Liz Brown, Kimberly Forte, Cheryn Maesch, and Dr. Larry Stuber.

Speech Team members were chosen upon request or by teacher recommendation.

"We had a strong team this year with bright new members," said Punter.

Participating in meets every Saturday from October to June, Debate Team differed from Speech Team in that students went head-to-head in single, two-person, and Congress matches.

"Our belief is most meets are for experience. If someone wants to join they can learn on the job," said Stuber.

Competitiveness and enjoyment drove Drama Club and the Speech and Debate Teams to successful seasons. □

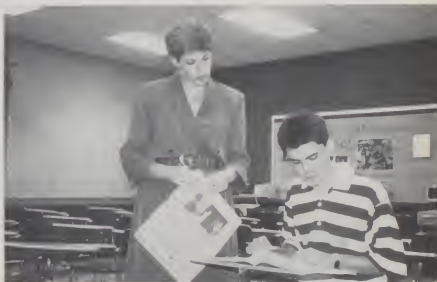


Before their next competition, Debate Team members Mithun Nallari and James Pappas help each other prepare. Criticism from peers was a necessary part of debate.

Drama Club Officers: Solitaire Briggs, secretary; Josh Jones, president; Andy Urschel, vice-president; Emily Pinkerton, treasurer. Drama Club sponsored three major productions.



Senior David Hollar and speech coach Scheryn Maesch review resources in preparation for foreign extemporaneous competition. Hollar was a fourth year Speech Team member.



Senior Josh Jones, portraying Mr. Frank, sadly holds Anne's diary during a performance of "The Diary of Anne Frank", while cast members Genny Hurst and Jeremy Burleson look on.

Debate team members juniors Aaron Kochar and John Paul Puglisi, adjust their case in preparation for an upcoming round as senior Susan Rich assists them.

Members of the Varsity Singers finish their performance at the Popcorn Festival. The Choral Music Department benefitted from each Varsity Singer performance, as well as from other fundraisers including a walkathon and the Spaghetti Spectacular.

As games are played, junior Leslie Ropel, a V-teens member, sits with the guests at the annual Halloween party for faculty children. V-teens' primary money-maker was the King of Hearts dance which raised \$500 for the Porter County Heart Association.



Using her talents to raise money for Art Club is senior Carmen Duniwan. Sophomore Erica Chael and others had their face painted at a home football game.



To raise funds for a New York City Trip, the Creative Musical Theater class sponsored a Garage Sale. Organizing the items are junior Andy Urschel and seniors Amy Pinkerton and Laura Smith.



FUNDRAISERS PROVIDE



Those students involved in extra-curricular activities knew the scenario well: rather than jumping in the car at 2:30 p.m. to go home and have a snack in front of the T.V., the responsibility associated with yet another club sponsored fundraiser kept that relaxation out of reach for another two hours. According to most students involved with such activities, however, the rewards were well-worth the sacrifice.

One such fundraiser was the annual Christmas Gift Drive, sponsored by Student Council. For one week students were able to donate money during their third period classes. The donations were used to buy gifts and toys for needy children and teenagers.

"Everyone gave of their time for such a worthy cause" said, junior class president Jovanka Sirovica.

Another creative fundraising idea came from the Creative Musical Theater class which held a garage sale to finance its fall trip to New York City. Students sold donated goods in addition to odds and ends from past drama productions to raise money for future projects.

"If people know that what they're giving to is worth it, they'll work to make sure it stays good," said Drama Club president Josh Jones.

When working to assist a worthy cause, the sacrifice of free time seems less significant in comparison with the great personal reward obtained from such work. □

BENEFITS



Sophomores Debbie Deu and Jason Reeder deliver their classes' contribution to the Student Council Christmas Gift Drive. Third period classes collected money for specific children and purchased gifts from suggestion lists.

MUSIC SENSE OF STYLE

JOANNE CAPORALE/
FARRAH MATHAS: LAYOUT
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To a non-musician, jazz is simply another type of music among pop, rock, and country. But to others jazz is "a whole different type of music."

Because of increased interest in the jazz band program, a third group, Lab Band, was added to incorporate more jazz musicians.

"It was impossible to listen to 70 people at once, so the bands were diluted into Jazz Ensemble, Studio Band, and Lab Band," said Daniel R. Pritchett, associate director of bands.

Members of the bands were given a chance to improvise and interpret music in their own way.

"Jazz is the only form of music that allows musicians to express themselves by improvised solos," said junior Jordan Williams, Jazz Ensemble mem-

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*Jordan Williams
junior*

ber.

"Jazz band has been very beneficial in improving my playing ability while learning to appreciate new types of music," said senior Tim Marler, a two-year Jazz Ensemble member.

While auditions were held for the Jazz Ensemble in September, no one was excluded from Studio and Lab Bands. Any student with an interest in jazz was invited to join.

"Studio and Lab Bands are

mainly a training ground for Jazz Ensemble. Proficiency in reading rhythms is increased among other things," said assistant director for Jazz and Lab Bands, Scott Wagenblast, an '85 VHS graduate and former jazz band member. Wagenblast was enrolled in Valparaiso University's Law School this year and assisted Pritchett.

Performing at basketball games, contests, and festivals were also a part of the Jazz Bands' activities. Contests and festivals included those at Augustana College in Illinois and the Purdue Jazz Festival in West Lafayette.

"I've been in Jazz Ensemble since I was a freshman, so I feel at home doing what we do. It's always a lot of fun. Of all the things I do, I enjoy playing in Jazz Band the most," said junior Mike Weber.

Being a member of the jazz program involved dedication and responsibility. □



Lab Band — Front Row: Directors Scott M. Wagenblast, Daniel R. Pritchett. Second Row: Amber Maul, Mike Pulido, Carrie Barber, Adrienne Harris, Alexis Renahan, Sheri Keller, Gina Creutzberg. Third Row: Dustin

Williams, Mark Kolar, Derek Schoppa, Nathan Eagan, Sara Kuebler. Back Row: Heidi Rosenbaum, Josh Adams, Matt Vale, Kelly Keesler, Michael Miller, Brent Williams. Lab Band was the newest group to join the VHS jazz program.



Studio Band — Front Row: Directors Scott M. Wagenblast, Daniel R. Pritchett. Second Row: Cheryl Gilbert, Andrew Bernard, Karen Pio, Chris Tomes, Bill Oliver, Sheri Keller, Gina Creutzberg. Third Row: Jeremiah Benham, Matt Busse, Josh Bachman, Jeff

Lamb, Bill Delcourt, Jeremy Burleson, Jason Ruzga. Back Row: John Raedke, Dan Huston, Pete Schreiner, Bryan Meanovich, Mandy Spencer, Rebecca Reiner, Jon Foelber, Frank Rocchio. Not pictured: Leann McKinney. Younger musicians were in Studio and Lab Bands.



Jazz Ensemble, Studio Band, and Lab Band performed at the annual Jazz Band dance. Senior bass player Erin Casbon was one of the featured soloists at the February 6 fundraiser.

Rehearsing for Jazz Ensemble is senior Tim Marler, baritone sax player. The group met Tuesday and Thursday evenings under the direction of Dan Pritchett.



Performing at one of the home basketball games is sophomore Karl Berner. Jazz Ensemble played at two games in addition to concerts and contests throughout the year.



Jazz Ensemble — Front Row: Daniel R. Pritchett, director. Second Row: Josh Jones, Sarahlynn Lester, Holly Rosenbaum, Paul Foreman, Eric Brown,

Mandy Spencer, Tim Marler, Judy Barbknecht. Third Row: Zachery Malasto, Erin Casbon, Allison Eichorn, Jordan Williams, Mike Weber, Brad Wolf, James

Bovy, Eric Frank. Back Row: Eric Swartz, Emily Pinkerton, Adriana Decker, Jon Myers, David Hollar, Anthony Hudgins. Ensemble had experienced musicians.

PROBLEM SOLVERS

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During the 1992 presidential elections, voters selected a candidate to lead the country. The candidates focused on issues about the economy, domestic, and foreign affairs.

Likewise, the members of the Student Council, Student Faculty Senate, and the National Honor Society were chosen to lead the school. However instead of unemployment and trade agreements, the issues ranged from the denim shorts policy to the "Spot-B" award.

"In Student Council we help assist the administration with policies that concern students," senior Andy Rickman, Student Council president said.

Activities the Student Council sponsored included the annual Freshman Fun Night, Homecoming activities, Air Band, and the Christmas Dance. Also coordinated by council members were the Thanksgiving Food Drive and Christmas gifts for needy children.

"SFS is really rewarding because it benefits other clubs who need our help."

Kim Abner
senior

Student Council and the administration worked together to change the shorts policy to comply with recent styles. Students were allowed to wear denim shorts as long as they were not cut-offs or had fringes.

"I think we (Student Council) have a good system this year. The sponsors work with us and so does the administration. Even though my role is big, I get a lot of help from the other officers, which makes it easier," said Rickman.

The "Spot-B" and "Hats Off" were designed to honor students and faculty members who contributed above and beyond their regular duties. SFS also approved or denied requests from other clubs and organizations who needed additional funds, according to senior Kim Porapaiboon,

SFS president.

"SFS is really rewarding because it benefits other clubs who need our help," said senior Kim Abner, SFS treasurer.

Designed to recognize leaders, National Honor Society also based its membership on scholarship, character, and service. Juniors and seniors with a 3.5 grade point average or better were considered for membership, according to Judith Lebyrk, NHS sponsor.

Activities for NHS included a one-day student exchange program with Portage High School. They also tutored students, and sponsored the annual Valentine Day Flower Sale for their scholarship.

"Members of NHS are selected partly because they have already been active in the school or community. They also take part in NHS sponsored activities," Porapaiboon NHS president, said.

Although Student Council, SFS, and NHS were not faced with the crucial issues that determined Bill Clinton's victory, they came up with solutions that improved the school. □

Student Faculty Senate - Front Row: Tenley Drescher, Frances Mazur, Katie Bonifas, vice president; Katie Allen, Kim Porapaiboon, president. Second Row: Leslee Hewlett, Amanda Kaluzny, secretary; Kim Abner, treasurer; Sharon Schroeder, Diane Moryl. Back Row: Michelle Salomon, Andrea Morris, Lenore Hoffman, Fred Schmelt, James McMichael, Dean Gerber, Joan Mahoney.





Boxing food items for local families are Juniors Mike Murphy and Ryan Knauff. Students donated non-perishable items to first hour for the Student Council-sponsored Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Senior inductee Kim Abner receives a National Honor Society pin from senior Amy Zulich. Senior members were chosen in November by the faculty and inducted in March.



Supervising the bake sale during her lunch period is National Honor Society member senior Beth Rudd. Profits from fundraisers supported the annual scholarship awarded to a senior.

Student Council Officers Mike Goldsman, vice pres; Andy Rickman, pres; Ben Kim, par.; Natalie Paul, sgt.-at-arms; Kim Porapaiboon, treas.; Katie Loof, hist.; Shellie Malayter, sec.



NHS Officers - Front Row: Co-Sponsors Judith Lebyrk, Don Scott. Second Row: Karen Mantel, treas.; John Geiss, sec.; Katie Bonifas, rep. Back Row: Melissa Handley, vice pres.; Kim Porapaiboon, pres.

To raise money and promote spirit, senior Art Club members Carmen Dunivan paints faces at a football game. Money raised by the Art Club from face painting went to fund art scholarships.

Working on a robotic arm is senior Clint Douthitt. Douthitt performed well for I.T. Club by earning second in a competition called "Pick and Place."



Earth Awareness Club officers: Sunny Nixon, v-pres.; Christina Mortenson, treas.; Megan White, pres.; Jennifer Carberg, sec. Officers ran the meetings and planned activities.



Art Club Officers: Craig Haltom, v-pres.; Carmen Dunivan, pres.; Christy Patterson, sec./treas. Art club did face painting and sold painted pumpkins at Halloween to raise money.

Helping EAC co-sponsor Gena Neuliep unload newspapers from the recycle truck is senior Josh Bedard. EAC members also recycled pop cans collected throughout the school.



BEYOND THE CLASS

SARA BROWN
LAYOUT/COPY

While some clubs were designed to promote athletic and school spirit or competition, others enabled members to gain experience and utilize information beyond the classroom.

Members of Art Club, Industrial Technology Club, and Earth Awareness Club (EAC) shared their interests and talents to help others and raise funds.

Aside from making banners for the Mental Health Association fund raiser, the 30 Art Club members painted faces at a home football game to show spirit. They also held other fund raisers to raise money for art scholarships that were given at the end of the year.

"Art Club was formed ... to encourage and promote the visual arts beyond the classroom,"

Marilyn Hanson
Art Club Sponsor

The Industrial Technology Club, formed by teachers Rich Otto and Jim Genovese three years ago, participated in several local and national contests; bridge building, robotics, and another contest called "Quest for Speed." In order to finance contests, I.T. Club designed and silk-screened

T-shirts for other organizations.

"Our purpose is to make Valpo students technology literate, and to provide opportunities to work with equipment," said co-sponsor Genovese.

Also providing opportunities for students to gain experience outside the classroom while helping the environment was Earth Awareness Club. Members recycled cans and newspapers the second and fourth Saturdays of every month, and participated in the "Adopt-a-Highway" program in Porter County.

Although they may have never brought home a championship trophy or state title, members of Art Club, I.T. Club, and EAC were helpful in allowing students to gain experience beyond the classroom. □



Juniors Ryan Rochester and Matt Collins examine their robotic mouse. Both juniors came in second place at the national robotic competition in Detroit, MI.

Industrial Tech Club Officers: Doug Vanweinen, pres.; Ryan Rochester, treas.; Clint Douthitt, sec.; Matt Collins, v-pres. Tech Club screen-printed T-shirts for other school groups.

At the annual Halloween party for the faculty children, V-Teen members entertain the guests with various games and refreshments. V-teens also sponsored the King of Hearts Dance.

Packing supplies for a Natural Helpers Retreat weekend is senior Amy Bolden. Students were nominated by their peers to attend the trip three times each year.

Celebrating Christmas with clients from Opportunity Enterprise, are HOPE Club members, sophomore Brad Ricca, and seniors Amy Mutka and Kirsten Johnson. Members sponsored three dances.



With its entry in the Homecoming parade, SADD depicted the dangers of drinking and driving after parties. The float won second place and received twenty-five dollars.



HOPE Club Officers — Front Row: Taryn Goffiney, vice-president; Kirsten Johnson, Amy Mutka, co-presidents; Melissa Westphal, PR. Back Row: Angela Jeffs, PR; Libby Friedline, secretary.

SADD Officers — Front Row: Kim Powell, vice-president; Stephanie Shipley, secretary. Back Row: Michelle Bergquist, treasurer; Katie Allen, president. The club sponsored the annual Red Ribbon Week.



SERVICE

OTHERS BENEFIT

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Firemen, policemen, and doctors provide a service to others and are paid for their time. While these are the jobs of some adults, SADD, Natural Helpers, HOPE, and V-Teens members took time out of their schedules and voluntarily helped other people.

With its goal to prevent drinking while driving, Students Against Drunk Driving, SADD, sponsored "Red Ribbon Week" in the fall and "Just Say NO" before prom. In addition, members sold non-alcoholic beverages at the Popcorn Festival as a fund raiser. The club's Homecoming parade entry, "Just Say No to the Slicers," won second place in the annual parade competition.

"I love the fact that I'm in an activity where I can help people and have a great time," said Stephanie Shipley, SADD secretary. Officers coordinated all meetings and club activities.

Unlike SADD, Natural Helpers selected the students who would participate. During the three retreats, members who were chosen by their peers, were trained to understand problems and how to help with them.

"Natural Helpers enabled me to understand myself. It also taught me how to deal with others," said senior John Pampalone. He was a member of the student staff which helped plan the retreats.

Another organization, HOPE, provided social activities for clients from Opportunity Enterprises. Members of Helping Other People Excel, HOPE, sponsored holiday parties throughout the year.

"It's a lot of fun to be with the

"Natural Helpers enables me to understand myself; it also taught me how to deal with others,"

*John Pampalone
senior*

clients. It is impossible to feel awkward or out of place. Being around them you never worry about what they will think of you," said Kirsten Johnson, co-president.

Helping the school and the community was the purpose of V-Teens. The 40-member club sponsored the King of Hearts Dance February 20. This annual fundraiser earned \$500 which was donated to the Porter County Heart Association. Students were able to vote for their favorite King of Hearts candidate by donating money in that boy's name.

The club also invited the children of faculty and staff to a Halloween party.

"I feel V-Teens was a club that did unselfish things because they cared. It's also fun working with the faculty kids and putting on one of three major dances," said Katie Looft, president.

While the firemen, policemen, and doctors helped the community, through SADD, Natural Helpers, HOPE, and V-Teens, many students had the opportunity to help others at VHS and throughout Porter County. □

V-Teens Officers - Katie Looft, president; Marie Fattore, secretary; Stefany Steele, program chairman; Courtney Bechtold, vice-president. V-Teens sponsored the King of Hearts dance.

Dressed in Mexican attire, Spanish Club members follow their float in the Homecoming parade, which won first place in the Clubs division.



German Club Officers - Front Row: Elke Bowman, cosponsor; Marthena Baker, secretary; Gretel Bondi, cosponsor. Back Row: Nate Eagan, treasurer; Doug VanWienen, president; David Hollar, vice-president.

Japanese Club Officers - Front Row: Adrian Urgino, president; Neyla Pasley, historian. Back Row: Joe Pollaro, vice-president; Dave Hanson, secretary; Angie Jeffs, ex-officio.



Le Cercle Francias Club Officers - Marie Fattore, secretary; Melissa Handley, president; Holly Balon, vice-president/treasurer. Not pictured: sponsors Carolyn Hardebeck and Diane Moryl.



Foreign Exchange Club Officers - Front Row: Keri Mars, vice-pres; Heidi Hickman, exec. board. Second Row: Rory McAdams, sec; Amanda McCormak, vice-pres. Back Row: Jen Carlberg, pres.





FOREIGN

ETHNIC VARIETY

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Flipping through the pictures of a brightly-colored travel brochure, foreign cultures and customs appear to be thousands of miles away. Fortunately, it does not take thousands of dollars or an extremely long plane ride to see the world.

To learn about faroff lands and their cultures, students joined five foreign language clubs. Foreign Exchange Club (FEC), French Club, German Club, Japanese Club, and Spanish Club provided out-of-class experiences for language students.

These clubs enabled students to participate in fun activities with other members.

"The Spanish Club gives me a chance to practice my native language, make new friends, and have fun," said senior Victor Pacheco, foreign exchange student from Chile.

The clubs gave students the chance to learn about lifestyles

"Students can learn about cultures from potentially everywhere in the world,"

*Judith Watson
FEC sponsor*

around the globe.

"Students can learn about cultures from potentially anywhere in the world," FEC sponsor Judith Watson said.

FEC, which is affiliated with the International Youth for Understanding (YFU), sponsored seven foreign exchange students this year. Students were also eligible to apply for traveling abroad during the summer months.

One of the largest organizations at VHS, FEC provided activities to learn about foreign cultures.

"I like the Foreign Exchange Club because it gives me a place to

share about my country and learn about other countries," said Adriana Decker, foreign exchange student from Uruguay.

Because club meetings were more informal and flexible than the classroom, members could participate in unique activities.

"Because of all the grammar that needs to be taught in class, we just don't have enough time to do as many cultural activities as the clubs can," said French Club sponsor Carolyn Harbeck.

Participation in these clubs also enhanced student resumes, and gave students a chance to just have fun.

"I like Japanese Club because it's fun and our activities go way beyond what we do in class," said sophomore Ryan Bruce, a second-year Japanese student.

Foreign language clubs let students learn about different cultures, make new friends, and have fun providing students with window to the world. □



Visiting Rosemaries Restaurant are German Club members junior Danielle Shalapsik, seniors Sean Omera, Roger Tatum, and Doug Kinsey. The restaurant specialized in European dishes.

Sampling German food at German Club's annual Wienachtfest are Gretel Bondi, cosponsor; Pat Higbie, and Elke Bowman, cosponsor. Members also read Christmas stories from the German Bible.



Spanish Club Officers - Front Row: Amy Newell, historian; Frances Mazur, president. Back Row: Armando Santiago, treasurer; Ryan McQuillan, secretary.

Between football seasons, sophomore Jay Bilunas works out in the weight room during Intramural Weightlifting. Many off-season athletes continued to keep in shape through the program.

Intramural Officers - Front Row: Natalie Demaree, vice-president; Jaimie Rozinski, activity director. Back Row: Shannon Ferguson, treasurer; Jaimie Guydan, secretary.

Scholastic Gaming Officers - Front Row: Tim Wasmann, vice president; Ryan Rochester, secretary. Back Row: Ben Austin, president; John Hogg, treasurer.



FCA Officers - Shannon Swanson, vice-president; Ben Holterhoff, secretary/treasurer; Ryan Knauff, president. Meetings and games took place every other Sunday in the fieldhouse.

During intramural bowling sophomore Kevin Miller aims for a perfect score. During the winter months, anyone could sign up for the program which met at Inman's.



GAMES JUST FOR FUN

JOANNE CAPORALE
LAYOUT/COPY

Competitiveness increases each day in society. Whether in business, academics, or athletics, everyone is striving to get to the top.

To ease the strain of competition, three clubs allowed students to participate for enjoyment. Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Intramurals, and Scholastic Gaming Club were open to all students who had an interest in athletic or interest-oriented games.

"FCA allowed students with an interest in sports to grow spiritually, and at the same time enjoy fellowship with other students," said junior Ryan Knauff, FCA president.

Fundraisers for FCA included a basketball marathon. The club also sold basketball t-shirt and delivered food to needy people in the community.

If athletics weren't a primary interest, the Scholastic Gaming Club encouraged students to use thinking and reasoning skills in role-playing, board and computer games.

"SGC enabled students to

"FCA allowed students with an interest in sports to grow spiritually..."

*Ryan Knauff
junior*

play games they enjoyed. It was fun because there were no serious requirements, and anyone could come and play," said senior Tim Wasemann, SGC vice-president.

For students who enjoyed sports without the added stress of serious competitiveness, 18 intramural sports were offered.

"Playing a sport with little or no pressure can be a stress-free form of entertainment, and can provide a sense of achievement," said senior Tenley Drescher, Intramural president.

Even though rivalry will always exist, there was a way students could compete in a fun, less competitive way. □



Playing a computer game called Out-run during a Scholastic Gaming Club meeting is freshman Josh Price. Computer and board games were played.

Waiting to advance to second base is junior Ryan Knauff. FCA members played various games such as kickball or volleyball at their meetings.

CHEERS SPIRIT TAKING OFF

JOANNE CAPOREALE: LAYOUT
JESSICA PACHOLKE: COPY

As a space shuttle bursts into the atmosphere, Spirit Club, Cheerleaders, and Vikettes boosted students school spirit.

All three organizations promoted school-related activities with everything from cheers and half-time performances, to signs and candy bags.

Spirit Club provided encouragement for both academic and athletic activities.

During monthly meetings, members made signs and candy bags for team members.

Contrary to the Spirit Club's after-school meetings, Vikettes met as a class first semester. The 29-member flag and pom

"Vikettes provide entertainment for games to get the crowd pumped and into the game,"

*Erin Griffin
junior*

corps choreographed routines for home basketball and football games.

"Vikettes provide entertainment for games to get the crowd pumped up and into the game," junior Erin Griffin said.

Cheerleaders were also vital in

lifting school spirit.

The two squads cheered at all football and basketball games and attended one event for all other teams. Cheerleaders also sponsored Homecoming Week and hosted the dance.

Cheerleaders were required to be members of the Spirit Club said varsity head coach Ginnie Huber-Ashbaugh.

"Cheerleading is considered a sport due to the factors of try-outs, training, and once a year competition," Huber-Ashbaugh said.

As a shuttle lifts the world in knowledge of space, Spirit Club, Vikettes, and Cheerleaders lifted the spirits of students concerning their school. □



Vikettes - Front Row: Amy Avaritt, Michelle Pappas, Christy Bauswell, Traci Quinn, Christy Layton, Kim Hack, Alicia Ash, Stephanie Schwuchow. Second Row: Julie Puffer, Shellie Malayter, Jill Griffin, Tara Coons, Erin Griffin, Kara

Stark, Nicole Janda, Nancy Lukes, Marie Fattore, Dawn Bauer, Amanda Mackanos. Back Row: Ann Nellessen, sponsor; Allison Comstock, Cynthia Sukovich, Courtney Lambert, Jenny Stevens, Kim Krawczyk, Heidi Letz, Kim Abner, Dana Muhleman, Chelsea Abbott.

While the marching band prepares to perform before the football game, senior varsity cheerleader Leslie Hewlett boosts the crowd's spirit. Cheerleaders sponsored the Homecoming Dance.



Vikette pom corp performs during the final home football half-time show, "Batman." The 29-member corps met as a class first semester everyday to practice the routines.



Spirit Club Officers - Dawn Bauer, president; Leslee Hewlett, secretary; Liz Palmer, treasurer; Tiffany Cox, vice president. Spirit Club passed out candy to team members to promote spirit.

Cheering on their fellow team members at the annual Powder Puff game are senior players. The seniors defeated the juniors during the Spirit Club event during Homecoming week.



Varsity Cheerleaders - Front Row: Amy Reuter, Paula Becerra. Second Row: Courtney Bechtold, Lorri Woodyard, Dawn Guard, Tracy Siewin. Back Row: Michelle Wilson, Erica Flanagan, Leslee Hewlett, Kelli Cleary.

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders - Front Row: Cara Carver, Piper Logan, Kristi Davis. Second Row: Bridgette Mullin, Danielle Hereda, Melissa Hanson. Back Row: Monica Flanagan, Stacey Schwuozchow, Jaimie Guydan, Allison Eggen.

C Win or lose, athletes exhibited sportsmanship and desire to play *ompetition*

KIM ABNER: LAYOUT
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For student athletes, performing well in the classroom was just as important as developing skill and strength on the field or court.

Their desire to compete and work hard drove these students to their personal bests in academics and in their sport.

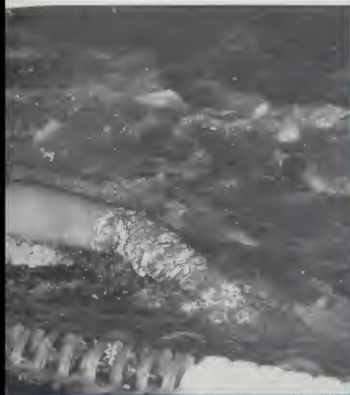
Both the boys' and girls' cross country teams took fourth and fifth places, respectively, at the state meet. The girls' swimming and diving team, which remained undefeated at 13-0, also brought home fifth place from the state competition.

After a disappointing sectional overtime loss to Mishawaka, the Viking football team completed the season with a 4-6 overall record and 1-5 in the Duneland Athletic Conference.

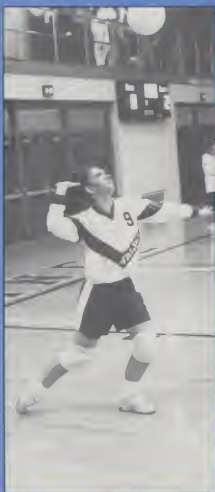
The boys' tennis team placed first in the DAC with an impressive record of 7-0 and a trip to regionals. Also advancing to regionals, the girls' golf team improved their record to 11-3 with many returning upperclassman.

Long hours of practice and studying put athletes ahead of the contest and gave them A CHANGE IN GOALS. □





Freshman Allison Swartz works on her final lap of the freestyle race. The girls' swimming team finished the season undefeated at 13-0 and placed fifth at the state meet.



During a varsity volleyball game, senior Jennifer Racine serves the ball. The varsity team ended the season with an overall record of 11-18, while the j.v. team earned a 14-6 record.



Drawing back for a powerful swing, is first-year golf team member Kara Pizzuti. Both the boys' and girls' teams hosted their home matches at the Val-paraiso Country Club.

Ignoring the pressure from the opponent, junior Josh Craig prepares for a punt. Coach Mark Hoffman in his 21st season, led the football team to a 4-6 overall record.

ability

Boys
stampede
through
season

KEY TO domination

JOHN SPONBERG
LAYOUT/COPY

When experience, intelligence, and ability are put together on a tennis court, the sky is the limit. With these three elements, the boys' tennis team completed a successful season and sent one member to State.

The varsity team compiled an overall record of 19-2, and finished first in the DAC at 7-0.

"We just wanted to play as well as we could and let the record take care of itself," said head varsity coach Bob Barthold.

"I also think we had a lot of experience and were very intelligent on the tennis court," said Barthold.

Winning team awards this year were Bryce Drew, MVP and best record; Don Lukes, sportsmanship; and Justin Shurr, most improved.

"We always thought that anyone on the team was capable of winning," said junior Bryce Drew, who after an undefeated season, went to state at the No. 1 singles spot.

Rounding out the line up for the varsity team were Jude Clover at No. 2 singles, Dave Soleymani at No. 3 singles, Mike Bishop and Don Lukes at No. 1 doubles; and Justin Shurr and Mark Roscoe at No. 2 doubles.

Among the schools the varsity team defeated this year were conference rivals LaPorte, Portage, and Merrillville.

Like its counterpart, the junior varsity team completed an impressive season. Suffering its only loss to Culver, the j.v. team attained an 11-1 overall record and a 6-0, conference winning mark in the DAC.

According to j.v. head coach Dave Kings, this year's team was more aggressive than in years past and thus won more points at the net.

"We were very skilled individually, which enabled us to dominate a lot of matches," said Kings.

Key victories for the j.v. team this year were against LaPorte, Portage, as well as Merrillville.

Through many important elements of the game, the boys' tennis teams completed the year with flying colors. □



Junior Varsity Tennis Team — Front Row: Dave Blackman, Mithun Nallari, Sangit Roy, Bill Sullivan, Brandon Shurr, Ryan Lagura. Second Row: Brian Barthold, Mike Anderson, Rick Birch, Justin Clark, Mark Bowers, Tom Golt, Bimal Doshi. Back Row: Bob Barthold, coach; Don Duvall, Dave Furlin, Mark Roscoe, Pete Dirindin, Coach Dave Kings.



Junior Bryce Drew, a three-year letter winner, follows through on a forehand while warming up before a match. With a 20-1 personal record, Drew played the entire year at No. 1 singles.

Varsity Tennis Team — Front Row: Mike Bishop, Don Lukes, John Geiss, Justin Shurr. Back Row: Head Coach Bob Barthold, Jude Clover, Dave Soleymani, Bryce Drew, Asst Coach Dave Kings.



Preparing for a backhand smash, sophomore Mithan Nallari eyes his shot. Nallari contributed to the j.v. team's 6-0 record in the DAC while playing the No. 2 singles position.



Instant Replay

	V	JV
Overall:	19-2	11-1
DAC:	7-0	6-0
M.C. Marquette	W	-
Munster	L	W
S.B. Adams	W	W
Portage	W	W
Merrillville	W	W
Crown Point	W	-
Hobart	W	W
Lafayette Jeff	2nd	-
Tourney	W	W
LaPorte	W	W
Lowell	W	W
M.C. Rogers	W	W
Culver	W	L
Chesleron	W	W
Lake Central	W	W
Andean	W	W
Highland	W	W
Sectional		
N. Judson	W	-
Portage	W	-
Regional		
Lake Station	W	-
LaPorte	W	-
Semi-State		
Plymouth	L	-

Winding up for a forehand volley, junior Justin Shurr runs through pre-game drills. Along with partner Mark Roscoe at No. 2 doubles, Shurr added to the varsity team's strong season.

Sophomore Sangit Roy connects with a backhand stroke during j.v. action against Merrillville. At No. 3 singles, Roy helped guide the j.v. team to an 11-1 overall record.

dedication

LEADS TO

regionals

Girls
advance
by one
stroke

BRET KUTANSKY
LAYOUT/COPY

Often in golf, the importance of a single stroke is forgotten over a course of 18 holes. But for the girls' golf team, one stroke was enough to advance the young team to regional competition.

The team looked to draw on the strength of two returning seniors Kim Kuehl and Jen Schnirring. However, the team ran into trouble early, losing its first match to highly ranked Munster, a traditional foe.

"Munster beat us badly. I knew part of it was me not knowing the right combination for varsity," head coach Nancy Bender said, in her 17th season of coaching.

"The most important point of the season was the day when Coach Bender figured out the right varsity line-up," senior Kim Kuehl said.

The girls came together and compiled an 11-3 overall record and a 6-1 mark in the DAC going into sectionals. There the girls squeaked into a third place finish by edging out rival Crown Point by a single stroke.

"Playing well at sectionals proved that all the hard work at the beginning of the season paid off," senior Jen Schnirring said.

At regionals the team captured a better than expected 5th place.

End of season honors were presented at the Fall Sports Awards Banquet. Junior Chris Marsch was named the Most Improved Player and sophomore Sara Kuebler won the Most Improved from 1991 to 1992 Award. Schnirring captured the Most Valuable Player Award for the second consecutive season.

Over the course of the season, the girls learned the importance of sticking together, toughing it out, and the difference every effort, including a single stroke, can make. □



Taking a practice cut during a meet is sophomore Julie Hollar. The team was composed of two freshmen, seven sophomores, one junior, and four seniors.

Third year team member Chris Marsch draws back for a powerful swing. Marsch proved to be a key factor in the girls' success being the only junior on the squad.





Sophomore Jackie Schnirring practices on her form as teammate sophomore Julie Hollar looks on. Friendships on the golf team this year led to strong team unity.



Scores for the round are determined as Coach Nancy Bender and senior Jennifer Schnirring add up the day's totals. This marked Bender's 17th season of coaching.

Attempting to make par with a putt is senior Jennifer Schnirring. Schnirring fell just short of qualifying for state competition, missing the mark by only three strokes.



Instant Replay

Overall: 11-3
DAC: 6-1

Munster	L
Lake Central	W
New Prairie	W
Marquette	L
Elston	W
Merrillville	W
M.C. Rogers	W
Hobart	W
Crown Point	L
Anderson	W
Bishop Noll	W
Chesteron	W
Fortage	W
LaPorte	W
Sectionals	3rd
Regionals	5th



Girls' Golf Team — Front Row: Cynthia Sukovich, Julie Hollar, Jackie Schnirring, Mariko Lin, Chris Marsch. Second Row: Kara Pizzuti, Megan Daly, Casey Hewlett, Sara Kuebler, Sarahlynn Lester. Back Row: Coach Nancy Bender, Jenny Schnirring, Natalie Paul, Kim Kuehl, Jessica Freitag.

balanced attack

PAVES GIRLS' WAY

Point
costs girls
trip
to state

to semi-state

JOHN SPONBERG
LAYOUT/COPY

Just as all good things must come to an end, the girls' cross country team ran its way through a fulfilling season, only to have it ended by a disappointing finish at the semi-state competition.

The girls finished the year 10-5 overall and 4-2 in the DAC, for third place.

"I thought it was a really good year. Although we ran well at semi-state, we missed getting to state by one point," said head coach Karen DeVries.

"Our biggest goal was to get to state and place highly in the conference standings," said DeVries, in her sixth year leading the Lady Viking runners.

According to DeVries, the returning runners knew what it would take to stay competitive, which gave the younger girls someone to look up to.

"This leadership was very help-

ful to me simply because with almost 30 girls on the team, it can be very hard to get to each girl individually," said DeVries.

As in years past the girls were a closely knit, team-oriented group with many close friendships.

"I enjoyed the feelings of friendship most about cross country. I love knowing that I did my best and that my friends are supporting me," said junior Alyssa Swenson.

Even Coach DeVries was involved with the total sense of complete team spirit.

"I really enjoy getting out and being around the girls," said DeVries.

The girls rolled through sectionals and regionals with third and fourth place finishes respectively, coming up a little short with a fifth place finish at semi-state.

"One of the best things about cross country is the sense of accomplishment that comes from doing something you didn't think you could do. Your teammates are always there to help you," said senior Marthana Baker.

Team awards this year were given

to Amy Gonzales, MVP; Marthana Baker, Mental Attitude; Julie Edwards, Best Team Runner; and Karen Phillips, Most Improved.

Team members were pleased with the accomplishments.

"Overall the season was a good one. The disappointing end to the season can't take away from everything we accomplished during the season. Everyone did the best they could, and everyone improved throughout the season," said Baker.

"We had an unexperienced team and a lot of us hadn't run in big meets before. I think we did well and I'm excited for next year. I think we could have been more successful overall, but with a little confidence, we should achieve our goals next season," said junior Amy Gonzales.

Even as all good things must come to an end, the girls' cross country team worked its way through a solid, winning season, despite a lower than expected performance at semi-state. □



Girls' Cross Country Team — Front Row: Tammy Kehe, Shannon Corkwell, Veronica Marquez, Emily Evans, Karen Phillips, Michelle Child, Laurie Fortunak. Second Row: Camri Byham, Alyssa Senon, Amy Bickel, Kim Pora-

paiboon, Jen Gerrard, Kelly Bickel, Angie Vereb, Jesse Lester. Third Row: Shannon Swanson, Alicia Pierson, Michelle VonTobel, Marthana Baker, Julie Edwards, Amy Gonzales, Amy Kobe, Amy Henderstrong. Back Row:

Amy Bardon, Becky Lahne, Anne Holterhof, Christine Phillips, Mia Sorrick, Jen Neeley, head coach Karen DeVries, ass't. coach Debbie Fray. The team placed 5th at Semi-state.



With the rest of the pack far behind her, junior Amy Gonzales completes a successful run. The two-year letter winner helped lead the girls to a 5th place finish at semi-state.



As the crowd looks on, junior Julie Edwards strives for the finish line while keeping up a strong pace. Achieving a 4-2 record in the conference, the girls earned 3rd place in the DAC.

Taking time out from the action of a race, junior Laurie Fortunak catches her breath and adjusts her spikes. Returning junior and senior runners provided experience and leadership for the team.



Instant Replay

Overall: 10-5
DAC: 4-2

Hammond Noll	W
Lafayette Jeff/Chesteron	W/L
Kankakee Valley	W
M.C. Rogers	W
Crown Point/Highland/ Lake Central	W/W/W
New Prairie Inv.	3rd
Merrillville/LaPorte	W/W
Highland Inv.	2nd
Hobart/Portage	W/L
DAC Meet	3rd
Sectional	3rd
Regional	4th
Semi-State	5th



Displaying their sense of team unity, senior Amy Bickel and sophomore Jessica Lester run side by side during a meet. Comradery played an important role in the girls' season.

Runners sprint out at the beginning of a race trying to obtain an early lead. Valpo finished second in the Duneland Athletic Conference with a record of 4-2.

Boys' Cross Country Team — Front Row: Jeff Stephan, Brian Benway, Mike Daiber, Chris Simstad, Chris McChristian, Drew Thomas, Paul Harbeck. **Second Row:** Todd Kostelnik, Tom McDaniel, Josh Carr, Joe Racine, Todd Cerda, Josh Geise, Jim Mackenzie. **Third Row:** Jamie Cruikshank, Nathan Smurdon, Joe Rasado, Aaron Pierson, Dan Wilkin, Sean Sheely, Aaron Rassmussen, Jerry Drever. **Back Row:** Head Coach Mike Prow, Luis Cuellar, Eric Douglas, Pat Kinningman, Ben Holterhoff, Bryan Tullis, Eric Wilson, Mike Carlberg, Coach Jim Genovese.



Instant Replay

Overall: 13-2
DAC: 4-2

M.C. Marquette/EC Central	W/W
Lafayette/Jeff Chesterton	W/W
Kouts/Gary Roosevelt	W/W
Pike Invite	1st
M.C. Rogers	W
Konselars Invite	2nd
Crown Point/Highland/Lake Central	W/W/W
New Prairie Invite	3rd
Merrillville/LaPorte	W/W
Highland Invite	1st
Hobart Invite	1st
DAC Meet	2nd
Sectional	2nd
Regional	2nd
Semi-state	2nd
State	4th



Staying in a pack, runners set their sights on the finish line. Together the cross country team compiled a 13-2 overall record this season.

Senior Eric Douglas rounds a final turn during a non-conference meet. Douglas was one of seven returning seniors on the team.



Team members huddle together to pump up for a race. Team unity helped the Vikings to become Pike Hokum-Karum champs and Hobart Invitational champs this season.



Stretching out his lead is senior Nate Smurdon. Smurdon was a big contributor to the Vikings post-season effort.



runners

CONTINUE

Boys
return to
compete
at state

to excel

BRET KUTANSKY
LAYOUT/COPY

Often after climbing a steep hill, a person hesitates to go on. But this years boys' cross country team showed no signs of stopping until they had earned a return trip to the state meet.

Boasting seven returning seniors and seven juniors, the team showed promise early on. Eight freshmen and sophomores added to an already talented team.

The Vikes rolled past opponents on their way to a 13-2 overall record, along with a 4-2 mark in the DAC. The team also won the Highland Invitational, the Hobart Invitational, and the Pike Hokum-Karum race.

Relying on the strength of their seven best runners, the boys headed into the post season. Seniors Todd Kostelnik and Nate Smurdon, juniors Aaron Pierson and

Jamie Cruikshank, sophomore Jerry Drever, and freshman Jeff Stephan made up the basis of the tournament team.

"I enjoyed being part of a team that was close together and being coached by two very dedicated people," Stephan said.

At sectionals the Vikes finished second, giving them a trip to regional competition, where they also finished second. Another second at semi-state advanced them to state where they placed fourth.

"The most important part of the season was getting physically and mentally prepared during the week before the state meet," said Stephan.

"Any time you finish in the top five teams at state, you've been successful," said third year head coach Mike Prow.

After tackling a tough obstacle, the boys' cross country showed the importance of never letting up. □

Fighting for a first down, sophomore runningback Jay Bilunas pushes forward for a big gain. Depth at the runningback and linebacker positions were strengths for the j.v. team.



Freshman Shane Wiesjahn looks downfield for a potential receiver against Portage. Wiesjahn was one of many outstanding players who helped the freshman team to a 6-2 overall record.

During j.v. action against Michigan City, sophomore quarterback Mark Turek hands off to an oncoming runningback. Turek helped lead the j.v. team to a 5-3 record.



Junior Ben Wagner attempts to pin the opposition deep in their own territory with a punt. While punting for the j.v. team, Wagner was also the varsity team's kicker.



Junior Varsity Football Team - Front Row: D. Herida, M. Hanson, M. Flanagan, J. Guydan, K. Davis, C. Carver, S. Schwowchow. Second Row: K. Baer, R. Thorgren, E. Merrit, D. Sturgeon, K. Miller, D. Lawson, B. Rickards, J. Bilunas. Third Row: B. Cooley, N. Rangel, S. Foley, J. Oram, T. Renn, coach; G. Gray, coach; T. VanKepple, coach; J. Snyder, coach; D. Deu, N. Demaree, R. Brown, D. McCoullough. Fourth Row: N. Schultz, J. Conner, M. Lawson, J. Payne, M. O'Keefe, D. Dixon, R. Burns, C. Jorgensen, D. Dixon. Fifth Row: M. Rickman, J. Hoehner, S. Lively, B. Auten, S. Selby, D. Swanson, A. Lute, J. McChristian, D. Kush, C. Broton. Back Row: M. Ryan, M. Turek, C. Hoard, J. Gent, B. Mahns, A. Samardzich, E. Hussy, J. Ziegert, B. Bonkoski.





attitude

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victories

Mental
toughness
keys
success

JOHN SPONBERG
LAYOUT/COPY

With all the bulk and muscle of an offensive line, football can be seen as an extremely physical sport. However, the freshman and junior varsity football teams proved that the mental part of the game was equally important.

J.V. coach Gary Gray and freshman coach Dave Coyle cited enthusiasm and overall knowledge of the game as their biggest strengths.

"We were hard workers and very enthusiastic. Every day the players came to practice ready to work," Gray said.

With an overall record of 5-3, and a 3-3 mark in the DAC, the team finished the season on a strong note, defeating Michigan City, LaPorte, and Chesterton.

Strengths of the j.v. team were depth at the runningback and linebacker positions, as well as comaradery among players.

Junior Mike Murphy said, "Everyone worked really hard this year and our team togetherness was a big factor in our record."

Team awards this year were given to D'Wayne Dixon, Offensive Award, and Jon Ziegert, Defensive Award.

"Overall we just wanted to get each player to the best they could be to get them ready for varsity," Gray said.

Freshman coach Dave Coyle also said that the mental part of their game was an important one for this season.

"We had a lot of smart players on the field, and if you add our size and quickness to that, you can work wonders," Coyle said.

Rounding out the season, the freshman team had a record of 4-2 in the DAC, and an overall record of 6-2, with victories against Hobart, Chesterton, and LaPorte.

Through the season, both teams learned that a good mental attack is as important as a physical one. □

Instant Replay

Overall:	JV	F
DAC:	5-3	6-2
	3-3	4-2

Lake Central	W	-
E.C. Central	-	W
Hobart	L	W
M.C. Rogers	W	W
Chesterton	W	W
Merrillville	L	L
LaPorte	W	W
Fortage	L	L
Andean	W	-
Crown Point	-	W



Freshman Football Team - Front Row: D. Herida, M. Hanson, M. Flanagan, J. Guydan, S. Schwochow, K. Davis, C. Carver. Second Row: J. Tutor, C. Fox, T. Magnetti, D. Marvin, E. Schwartz, F. Byers, B. Delcourt, C. Evans, N. Rasmussen, J. Wilson, S. Sinclair. Third Row: R. Capron, D. Marbin, S. Krutz, coach: D. Coyle, coach: H. Hofer, coach: R. Mitchell, coach: K. Karpenko, N. Single, J. Jackson, B. Mironovich. Fourth Row: J. Glass, M. Zell, S. Foley, B. Southers, C. Buford, S. Wiesjahn, J. Krawczyk, M. Green, W. Marquez, A. Doyle, D. Hall. Fifth Row: S. Graves, T. Thorgren, T. Rickman, J. Crowell, J. Krysa, B. Hengsler, B. Bonkowski, S. McLeash, M. Boneventura, J. Tolever. Back Row: M. Tavenier, C. Treach, T. Burkstead, K. Pullins, J. Ortega, R. Kerr, R. Foresman, J. McDougle, J. Scott.

Before breaking through the line, junior Terrell Session accepts a hand-off from Scott Anleitner. Juniors composed the majority of the team this season.

Rolling out for an open receiver is junior quarterback Scott Anleitner. Anleitner helped lead the Vikings to the second round of sectionals against Mishawaka.



Instant Replay

Overall: 4-6
DAC: 1-5

Gary West	W
Hobart	L
M.C. Rogers	W
Chesterton	L
Merrillville	L
LaPorte	L
Portage	L
Gary Roosevelt	W
Sectional I: LaPorte	W
Sectional II: Mishawaka	L

Junior Ben Wagner attempts a field goal during a conference match-up with Chesterton. The Vikes lost to the Trojans by a score of 13-9.

Viking defenders get up after a big defensive stop. Defense was a key factor in the Vikings' 4-6 record this year.





team displays

PRIDE DESPITE

lack of experience

Boys
tackle
tough
obstacles

BRET KUTANSKY
LAYOUT/COPY

Sometimes a victory isn't always determined by the score. The varsity football team showed that a victory can also be obtained by displaying heart, courage, and character when faced with tough obstacles.

Few returning seniors forced the Vikings to rely on an inexperienced, but strong willed junior class.

"Of course we would have liked to have had more seniors, but they played hard and worked their tails off every day," said

head coach Mark Hoffman, in his 21st season.

When faced with a tough challenge, the team pulled together to become a strong single unit.

"The thing I enjoy most is playing with people that become your friends and the closeness that develops between the players," said senior runningback Dave Hanson, this year's MVP.

The Vikings hung together throughout a rocky regular season, finishing 4-6 overall and tying for 6th in the DAC at 1-5. Tough oppositions were presented at Chesterton, Merrillville, and Portage.

But as with every team, the Vikings looked for a turnaround in the playoffs, eager to beat LaPorte

and avenge an earlier 9-6 loss at homecoming.

"The most important part of our season was paying back LaPorte at sectionals," said junior quarterback Scott Anleitner.

After defeating LaPorte 31-12, the Vikes lost a hard fought overtime loss to Mishawaka, 27-21.

"We never gave up, and that kind of attitude makes a team a winner," said junior Nick Bilunas.

Through the season, the Vikings showed that a victory earned by facing a difficult challenge with determination is just as important as one on a stat sheet. □



Varsity Football — Front Row: Joe Doppler, Steve Dunne, Shelli Wilson, Tracey Siewin, Amy Reuter, Heather Prosser, Erica Flanagan, Kelly Cleary, Paula Becerra, Kevin Commerford, Mike Martz. Second Row: Garrett Gray, Shannon Ferguson, Terrell Session, Joe Garcia, Chuck Huff, Pat Walsh, Mike Ondrovich, Erik Makowiecki, John Simmons, Mike Murphy, Tom Collins, Aaron Swanson, Nick Bilunas, Megan Forker. Third Row: Glenda George,

Coach Tom Renn, Coach Steve Krutz, Coach Terry Cox, Coach Terry Renn, Coach Herb Hofer, Coach Rick Mitchell, Head Coach Mark A. Hoffman, Coach Todd Von Keppel, Coach Gary Gray, Coach Dave Coyle, Coach John Snyder, Heather Watson, Stephanie Svetcoff. Fourth Row: Josh Porch, Mike O'Keefe, George Bollhorst, Jeff Rafferty, Peter Sarafin, Kelly Uher, Ed Hussey, Clint Sandlin, Paul Zotek, Joe Eckert, Tony Choate. Fifth Row: Scott Anleitner, Dan

Corley, Tom Phillips, Brendon Quinn, Tori Karpenko, Timothy Bishop, Kevin Peterson, Nathan Duke, Dan Turzman, Dave Hanson. Back Row: Joe Spittler, Bruce Chalfee, Kurt Musser, Jason Omo, Jerry George, Josh Craig, Mike Kwiatkowski, Chris Brilettich, Brian McCuckin, Dave Brown, Charles Kimble. After an overall season, the Vikes defeated LaPorte in Sectional, but later lost to Mishawaka.

Freshman Nikki Lively practices her breast stroke during pre-meet warm ups. The girls finished the regular season undefeated and first in the DAC.



Freshman Susie Bontrager eases her way through the water while maintaining perfect form. Bontrager was a first-year member of the undefeated girls' swimming team.



Up against the wall, senior Susan Rich prepares to launch forward before another Viking race. Rich, a four-year member, assisted in the sectional victory.

Stretching out before her next dive, sophomore Kari Van Rosendale prepares for her next plunge for the Lady Vikes. The divers were coached by Bill Chappo.



Head coach Larry Reitz goes over last-minute strategies with sophomore Tori Kadish and Sarah Hites. Reitz led the team to its third straight top five finish at state.

High above the water, junior diver Amanda Beckwith perfects her diving form. Beckwith helped lead the divers to their ninth consecutive LaPorte diving invitational title.



swimmers

FINISH

undefeated

Girls end
year in
top five
at state

JOHN SPONBERG
LAYOUT/COPY

Placing in the top five at state in each of the last three years, the girls' swimming and diving team added yet another chapter to its reign of dominance with a fifth place finish at the state competition.

Swimming coach Larry Reitz and diving coach Bill Chappo lead the team to an unblemished 13-0 overall record and a 5-0 first place mark in the DAC.

"We accomplished all of our goals this year. We went undefeated, finished in the top five at state, won the conference meet, and were sectional champions. We did it all this year," said Reitz.

According to Reitz, the team was very versatile and possessed depth at every event.

"Every swimmer on the team was able to compete at a number of different positions. Being able to vary our line-ups gave

us a little edge in dual meets," said Reitz.

Team award winners this year were senior Kirsten Johnson, MVP; junior Molly Erman, Mental Attitude; junior Amanda Beckwith, Most Improved Diver; and senior Kim Stammel, Workhorse Award.

Among the state qualifiers for the girls were Morgan Dingwall, Nikki Lively, Jamie Jeppesen, and Sarah Hites at the 200 medley relay; Molly Erman at the 200 freestyle; Nikki Lively at 50 freestyle; and diver Amy Ehman, a three-year letter winner. In addition to its talent, the team also had a lot of character according to Reitz.

"Without the camaraderie of the teammates, we never could have made it through the season. We helped each other out and tried to make things fun," said Johnson, a four-year letterwinner and former state champion.

Completing another successful season, the girls' swimming and diving team continued their winning ways. □

Instant Replay

Overall: 13-0
DAC: 5-0

Crown Point	W
E.C. Central	W
Hobart	W
Munster Invite	1st
M.C. Rogers	W
LaPorte	W
Hammond Noll	W
Portage	W
Valpo Relays	1st
Merrillville	W
Munster	W
Highland Invite	1st
Chesterton	W
LaPorte Diving Invite	1st
M.C. Elston	W
DAC Meet	1st
Highland	W
Sectional	1st
State	5th



Girls' Swimming and Diving Team - Front Row: Tiffany Pullara, Amber Turpin, Allison Deschamps, Jessica Malak, Amanda Beckwith, Ellen Florence, Tiffany Koselke, Melissa Bankston, Erin Osner, Valerie Piehl. Second Row: Alisha Ash, Kellilyn Wheeler, Jane Bradlaw, Carol Barney, Kara Stark, Katie Becka, Amy Ehman, Susan Rich, Susie Bontrager. Third Row: Kelly Sue Biggert, Daniel Bishop, Laura Geary, Karrey Sickle, Jamie Pedersen, Britney Hanchar, Charlene Williams, Amber Burdette, Melissa Fitzgerald, Tori Kadish, Jill Westergren. Fourth Row: Jamie Jeppesen, Tasha Mitchener, Jodi Mroz, Kim Westlake, Kelly Hammers, Kim Newton, Laura Hollenbeck, Allison Scuderi, Jenny Frailley, Angela Jones. Fifth Row: Sarah Clifford, Amanda Darnell, Allison Swartz, Jenny Dennin, Molly Erman, Lindsey Ferguson, Tiffani Kerr, Kirsten Johnson, Kristal Eckley, Jamie Eisenmenger, Kristie Boland. Back row: Sarah Hites, Kim Stammel, Rebecca Reichardt, Chessa Hollis, Laura Bowers, Nikki Lively, Carly Witkowski, Wendy Grieger, Mardie Campbell, Morgan Dingwall, Mary Ann Smith.

Senior Stacey Hrabota follows an opponents' attempt to score during a conference match. Hrabota was a third-year letterwinner and earned the Most Valuable Player Award.



Going all out to save a ball is sophomore Lisa Porapaiboon. Hard work and good team spirit led the team to a 14-6 overall record.

Team captures victory in tourney

sights set on sectionals

BRET KUTANSKY
LAYOUT/COPY

In fairy tales, every story has a happy ending. Sometimes if all turns out well, what happens in between can be overlooked. This year, the varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams overcame adversity to achieve a happy ending.

"We wanted to perform consistently, place second in the DAC, and let the seniors play a lot," said third-year head coach Elke Bowman.

The girls' first obstacle was getting to know each other and how to play as a team.

"Our toughest challenge was starting from scratch. It was tough playing older and more experienced teams when we were so young," said junior Angie Fisher, a first-year letterwinner.

The Vikes drew on the experience and leadership of seniors to come together as a team. According to Coach Bowman, frontline hitter Stacy Hrabota was most visible with serving aces, kills, and blocks,

while seniors Katie Allen and Amy Mutka took care of the back row defense.

A special effort was turned in by senior Jen Racine, who for her positive enthusiasm and help with the underclassmen received the Mental Attitude Award.

At sectionals, the girls pulled off an upset victory against 20-5 Chesterton before downing Portage to take the sectional crown.

"The most important part of the season was how we all pulled together when it really counted," Allen said.

The JV team worked hard to obtain a 14-6 overall record, a 3-3 mark in the DAC, and an end of the season victory in the JV tourney.

"What I really enjoyed about volleyball was the way our team got along. The success we had was from our friendships on and off the court," sophomore Lisa Porapaiboon said.

Throughout the season, the girls truly learned that despite what happens earlier, the outcome is all that matters. □





Giving 110 percent to keep the ball alive is junior Angie Fisher. Fisher, a first-year letterwinner, helped on defense as a back row specialist.

Varsity Volleyball Team — Front Row: Amy Mutka, Allison Kissinger, Meagen Clifford, Laurel Rayman, Lindsay Brown. Back Row: Katie Allen, Jen Racine, Michele Brewer, Libby Friedline, Stacey Hrabota, Tennille Drake, Angie Fisher, Erin Griffin.

Instant Replay

Overall	JV 14-6	V 11-18
DAC:	3-3	2-4

Hammond Noll	L	L
North Judson-San Pierre	W	W
Plymouth Invitational	W	L/W/L
Highland	W	L
Westville	W	W
Munster	L	L
Crown Point	W	L
Kankakee Valley	W	L
Chesterton	W	L
Elkhart Central/Gary West	W/L	
Hammond Morton	W	W
Hobart	W	W
Lake Central	L	W
LaPorte	L	L
Merrillville Invite	L/L/W/L	
Merrillville	W	L
Portage	L	W
Andean	W	L
M.C. Rogers	L	L
Warsaw Tourney	L/L	
J.V. Tourney	W	W
Sectionals	W/W	
Regionals	L	



Intensity covers the face of sophomore Cori Walls as she readies herself for a serve. For her exceptional performance, Walls was named best team player on the j.v. squad.



Junior Varsity Volleyball Team — Front Row: Katie Gierse, Marta Conkle, Lisa Porapalboon. Second Row: Amanda Hager, Kellie Schiesser, Kirstin Rhinehart. Back Row: Missy McGuinn, Cori Walls, Jessica Gray, Nancy Lukes.

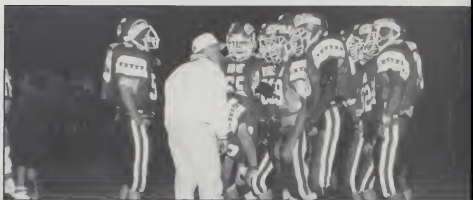
Assistant varsity football coach Rich Renn gives directions to the defensive team during a home game. The varsity team had four assistants working with head coach Mark Hoffman.

Assistant coach Bob Barthold (right) listens to the boys' varsity basketball team as head coach Bob Pugh reviews the next strategy. Barthold also served as head coach in tennis.

Girls' volleyball coaches Karen Hancock (j.v.) and Elke Bowman (varsity) try the hands-on approach during practice. Hancock also coached girls' j.v. softball in the spring.



During the girls' swim season Larry Reitz serves as head coach and is assisted by ToyAnn Feldsein. During boys' swim season, however, Reitz assisted Skip Bird.





ASSISTANTS HELP TEAMS

BECKY GIMENEZ
COPY/LAYOUT

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When one thinks of the success of a team like the Chicago Bulls, what comes to mind first are the players — Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, John Paxson. Next, one thinks of the coach, Phil Jackson. The assistant coach or coaches, however, seem to remain less conspicuous, although they are vital to the success of the team.

"We definitely wouldn't have made it to the level we are now if it weren't for Coach Reitz," said senior swim team member Brian Osner. An assistant during boys' swim season, Larry Reitz was head coach of the girls' swim team.

The role of the assistant coach varied from team to team. Some served as assistant coaches for one team while coaching another. Karen Hancock assisted Elke Bowman with varsity volleyball while also working with the freshman team.

"You just have to balance your time and energy," Hancock said.

Although the styles sometimes varied between a coach and assistant coach, there was inevitably a common goal.

"Even though they would do different things with different styles, all they want is for us to succeed," Osner said.

Although assistant coaches may not always be bathed in the limelight, their work was inevitable to overall team success. □



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Watching the match anxiously from the sidelines is assistant wrestling coach Tom Renn. Renn and Ralph Iatarola assisted head coach John Cook, working with the freshman and j.v. squads.

freshmen

Girls learn
high
school
athletics

ADAPT TO system

BRET KUTANSKY: LAYOUT
RYAN BRUCE: COPY

Adjusting to a different school environment is one of the most difficult things that freshmen experienced during their first year of high school. But, for the freshmen girls' basketball and volleyball teams, that was not the only adjustment they had to make. These athletic teams had to learn to manage school work and practice, and to compete as a team.

Both the "A" and "B" teams combined for a record of 24-3 in basketball and 19-6 in volleyball.

According to head freshman basketball and volleyball coach Michelle Solomon, both teams had high expectations.

"We wanted everyone to improve their skills, win the end of the season tournament, achieve the best record possible in the conference, and just learn how to play together as a team," coach Solomon said.

"I think we had an outstanding season. Our team really worked hard and we reached all the goals we set," freshman basketball player Amy Sarafin said.

Both teams were comprised of freshmen girls who had not competed together previously, having attended different middle schools.

"As freshmen these girls had the opportunity to learn to work as a team and to know each other better, and all of them were able to improve their skills, which is probably the most gratifying accomplishment for them," said coach Solomon.

For freshmen volleyball player Mary Gingrich, being part of the team was the most important accomplishment.

"In order for me to keep my spot, I really had to play my hardest since there were so many good players," said Gingrich.

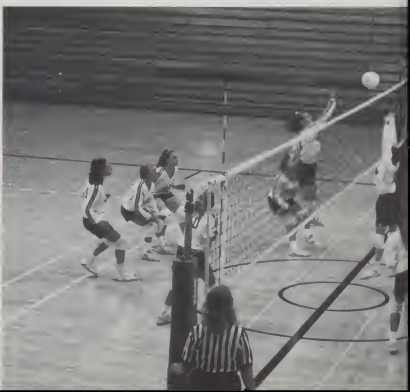
Adjusting to a more rigorous school and athletic system was a task that these freshmen adequately accomplished. □



Freshman Girls' "A" Volleyball Team:
Back Row - Alyssa Crowe, Missy Deuberry, Kristin Collins, Mary Gingrich, Michelle Ball, Barb Clemens. Back Row - Coach Michelle Solomon, Leslie Proctor, Megan Sunkel, Suzanne Buck-

ley, Nicole Zikesch, Renee Wilson, Becky Maple.

The freshmen girls' volleyball team attempts to block a returning shot during a home match. The Lady Vikes bumped their record to 19-6.





Sarah Stricklett, freshman girls' basketball team member, attempts a shot against LaPorte Slicer defenders during a home game. Throughout the year the girls learned to come together to earn a 24-3 season overall.



Freshman Girls' "A" Basketball Team
 Front Row: Megan Sunkel, Kristin Collins, Natalie Kiest, Alyssa Crowe, Michelle Ball. Second Row: Kelly Olivotto, Amy Bardon, Alicia Pierson, Megan Daly, Stephanie Utterback. Back Row: Coach Jim Hunt, Amy Sarafin, Sarah Stricklett, Jen Hensel, Amy Henderlong, Coach Michelle Salomon.

Instant Replay

Volleyball	Basketball
"A" "B"	"A" "B"
Overall: 12-4 7-2	14-3 10-0
DAC: 5-1 4-0	4-2 4-0

Crown Pt.	W	-	W	W
Kank. Val.	W	-	W	W
Plymouth	W	W	-	-
Highland	W	W	W	W
Chesterton	W	W	W	W
Lake Cent.	W	W	W	W
LaPorte	L	L	W	W
M'ville	L	W	L	W
Portage	W	W	L	W
Tourney	W/L	-	W/W	-
Andrea	W	L	W	W
Munster	W	W	-	-
E.C. Central	-	-	W	-
Hamm. Noll	W	-	-	-
Lowell	-	-	W	W
Wheeler	W	-	-	-
Renssler	-	-	L	-
Hobart	-	-	W	-

Freshman Girls' "B" Basketball Team
 Front Row: Michelle Ball, Katie Fitzgerald, Stephanie Utterback, Jen Arzola, Megan Sunkel. Second Row: Renee Wilson, Amy Bardon, Carrie Woods, Sandi Burns, Courtney Wheatman. Back Row: Coach Jim Hunt, Anne Holterhoff, Erica Dirindin, Liz Welter, Jen Gent, Coach Michelle Salomon.

Freshman Girls' "B" Volleyball Team:
 Front Row - Jill Griffin, Cindy Manning, Barb Clemmons, Missy Deuberry, Michelle Ball. Back Row - Coach Michelle Salomon, Leslie Proctor, Jen Gent, Sarah Stricklett, Erin McGuigan, Becky Maple.

Girls' Varsity Basketball Team: First Row: Cary Brown, Lindsay Brown, Kelly Bickel, Kim Keuhl. Second Row: Kathy Levandoski, assistant coach; Michelle Androskaut, mgr.; Kenin Krieger, Erin Parker, Beth Goldman, Paula Libassi. Third Row: Mark Knauff, JV coach; Greg Kirby, varsity coach.

Keeping a watchful eye over his team's progress, girls' head varsity coach Greg Kirby looks on from the sidelines. In his third year, Kirby led the varsity squad to its fifth straight sectional title.



Instant Replay

	V	JV
Overall:	17-5	15-3
DAC:	6-1	5-2
South Central	W	W
Lake Central	L	W
Crown Point	W	W
E.C. Central	W	W
Lafayette Jeff	L	W
M.C. Rogers	W	L
Cary Roosevelt	W	W
LaPorte	W	W
Brownsburg	L	W
Warsaw Tourney	W/W	-
Andean	W	W
Kankakee Valley	W	W
Chesterton	W	W
Portage	W	L
Merrillville	W	W
JV Tourney	-	W/L
Hobart	L	W
Bonsallier	W	W
Sectionals	W/W	-
Regionals	L	-



Senior Jen Ward swiftly runs by a Chesterton defender during varsity DAC action. The Lady Vikes defeated the Lady Trojans, and suffered their only conference defeat to Hobart.

Driving with the ball at midcourt is sophomore Kelly Bickel. Credited with the best free throw percentage in end-of-year honors, Bickel was one of four sophomores on varsity.





Members of the girls' junior varsity team watch as the Lady Vikes strive for another victory. The j.v. squad earned an overall record of 15-3 and 5-2 in the conference.

Valpo
wins fifth
straight
sectional

lady vikes

OVERCOME EARLY expectations

JOHN SPONBERG
LAYOUT/COPY

Despite the lack of experienced players, the girls' varsity and j.v. basketball teams defied preseason speculation and earned a share of the conference title and a sectional championship.

"We weren't favored to do well this season. Even our own expectations were not lofty," said third-year head varsity coach Greg Kirby.

The varsity team, however, achieved a record of 17-5, and finished 6-1 in the Duneland Athletic Conference and maintained its sectional crown for the fifth consecutive year.

"Our goals this year were to see if we could win conference, to win the Warsaw Tournament, and to win sectionals. We achieved all of these, but most importantly we walked onto the court," Kirby said.

Although the team had only one returning player with varsity experience; defense, hard work, and good shooting helped to overcome the squad's lack of experience, Kirby said.

Key varsity players were seniors Kim Kuehl, Paula Libassi, and sophomore Errinn Parker. Kuehl was named MVP and was credited with the most assists. Sophomore Errinn Parker received the award for most rebounds.

Like its counterpart, the junior varsity team also enjoyed a suc-

cessful season compiling a 15-3 overall record, and a 5-2 DAC finish.

"We were quite successful considering the fact that we were constantly having players switched from j.v. to varsity," said j.v. coach Mark Knauff.

According to Knauff, the team's strengths were its physical aggressiveness and athletic ability.

Sophomores Allison Kissinger and Mellisa Rucker were cited as key players. End-of-season honors went to Kristie Boland, for mental attitude, and Kristen Rhinehart, most improved.

"This season I just wanted to do my best, play hard, and have fun," Rucker said.

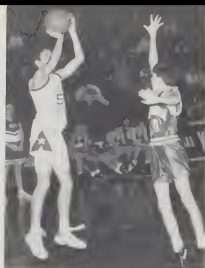
As each team shared many victories, both overcame obstacles and defied the odds. □



Girls' Junior Varsity Basketball Team:
First Row: Shannon Corkwell, Nichole Hiltz, Kirsten Rhinehart. Second Row: Kristie Bolen, Mellisa Rucker, Jen Niksch, Allison Kissinger. Back Row: Michelle Androskaut, mgr.; Mark Knauff, head coach; Megan Clifford, Jill Petcu.

Freshman Paul Von Tobel elevates for two points during a conference match-up with Merrillville. All around contributions and team play led the "B" team to a 19-1 record this season.

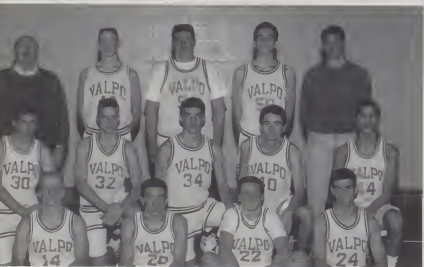
Freshman Boys' "B" Basketball Team — Front Row: Joe Racine, Mich Green, Josh Tudor, Paul Von Tobel, Marc Anderson. Second Row: Tom Rickman, Brad Bonkowski, Rich Babcock, Sean Graves, Jon Lopez, Mike Bonaventure. Back Row: Kevin Krieger, ass't. coach; Scott Jacobs, ass't. coach; Paul Johnson, Bryan Stephan, Joe Krysa, Tony Bergstedt, scorekeeper; Coach Dale Gott.



Instant Replay

Overall:	"A"	"B"	Soph
DAC:	18-2	19-1	13-3
	4-2	6-0	

Lowell	W	W	
Plymouth	W	W	
E.C. Central	W	L	
LaPorte	W	W	
"A" Tourney	W/W		
Gary Roosevelt	W	W	
M'ville	W	W	W
Hobart	W	W	W
Kank. Valley	W	W	
Portage	L	W	
Highland	W	W	
Chesterton	W	W	
N. Judson	W	W	
Crown Point	L	W	
M.C. Rogers	W	W	
"B" Tourney		W/W	
Rensselaer	W	W	
"A" Tourney	W/W		
Lake Central	W	W	
"B" Tourney		W/W	
Kouts			W
Andran			L
Lew Wallace			L
South Central			W
Lat. C. Catholic			W
North White			W
West Central			W
Tourney			W/L
Wash. Twp.			W
Lowell			W
Lew Wallace			W
Boone Grove			W
Hobart			W
Wheeler			W



Freshman Boys "A" Basketball Team — Front Row: Sean Sinclair, Tom Magnetti, Mike Zell, Jeff Clark. Second Row: Brian Barthold, Justin Wronko, Shane Wiesjahn, Blake West, Jon Lopez. Back Row: Coach John Knauff, Bryan Stephan, Justin Crowell, Jason Scott, Tony Bergstedt manager.



Driving the baseline in an attempt to score is freshman Shane Wiesjahn. Hard work, dedication, and practice helped the "A" team to achieve an 18-2 overall record over the season.

Sophomore Matt Rickman finds himself in a wide open lane during a non-conference game with West Central. Shooting, quickness, and defense helped the Vikings to earn a victory over the Trojans.



In among the trees is where sophomores Jason Redar and Jason Linkimer put their Lake Central opponent. Defense was a key in obtaining a 14-4 record for the sophomore squad.





Backing himself into a corner is freshman Jeff Clark. Clark and the "A" team used hustle and determination to earn a 4-2 record in the DAC.

Sophomore Boys' Basketball Team — Front Row: Ryan Birch, Josh Geise, Jason Linkimer, Tom Gott, Matt Rickman, Jason Redar. Back Row: Tim Crissman, Adam Burke, Justin Gent, Bryan Mahns, Kirk Hazen, Jason Rouch. Not pictured: Coach Dave McGonigle.



future LOOKS bright

Teams
post
impressive
records

BRET KUTANSKY
LAYOUT/COPY

State championships begin on the freshman and sophomore levels. With the skills and experience obtained from these years, the teams can advance to higher levels in the future. This year's freshman "A" and "B" and sophomore teams showed the promise of a bright future.

"Our goals were to go undefeated, see team and individual improvement, and have fun," said head "B" team coach Dale Gott, in his 26th year of coaching. The "A" and "B" strove toward these goals as the "A" team went 18-2 and the "B" team posted a 19-1 record.

"The thing I enjoyed most was having fun while winning," said freshman "A" team member Sean Sinclair.

A big key to the teams' success was team play with some strong individual performances. A few of the standouts were Justin Wronko, Shane Wiesjahn, Blake West, Jeff Clark, and Tom Magnetti, while the "B" team was led in scoring and rebounding by Bryan Stephan and in assists by Josh Tudor.

Like the younger teams, the sophomore team also used a

strong team performance to earn a 13-3 record.

Along the course of the season, all of the teams at one time or another found themselves up against an opponent that they couldn't seem to unravel. According to head "A" team coach John Knauff, that team was Crown Point, while the "B" team had trouble with E.C. Central.

"We tried to do what we weren't capable of. We got down early and didn't recover," said Gott.

"Gary Andread was difficult because they were big, strong, and quick," said sophomore head coach David McGonigle.

"The most important point of the season was when we decided to join together and start playing as a team," said sophomore team member Matt Rickman.

But with every low point comes a highlight, and the teams had many. According to McGonigle sweeping two games at Lafayette was a high point in their season, and Gott's "B" team won seven games in 10 days.

"We won both our tournaments and beat Portage by 27 after losing to them," said Knauff of his "A" team's performance.

Throughout this season, all three teams showed that they have a bright future ahead of them. □

victories

Vikings
earn
sectional
title

WON WITH! defense

JOHN SPONBERG:
LAYOUT/COPY

When comparing Patrick Ewing and Spud Webb the differences are obvious. Much like this comparison, the boys' varsity basketball team played many games without a height advantage. Despite this however, the Vikings still managed to earn a share of the conference title and a sectional championship.

Although the team was not very big in the post area, according to head varsity coach Bob Punter, the team was still able to defend well, leading them to a 17-6 overall season, and a 5-1 DAC record.

"We were very quick on defense, but we sometimes lacked the ability to put teams away late in the game," Punter said.

Late in the season the team suffered a crucial set back that

affected the end of the season, as starters Dave Furlin and Bryce Drew were both benched due to injury and illness.

"Toward the end of the year when some key players were out, the rest of the team really stepped up and all of us came together as a team," said junior Mark Burnison.

"Winning 12 of its last 15 games, the j.v. team ended the year 13-7 overall and 4-2 for second place in the DAC.

"We had a lot of good post players, but more importantly we had the guards who were able to get them the ball and open things up quite a bit," said head j.v. coach Lew Rhinehart.

Taking team honors this season were sophomore Pete Dirindin with Best Free Throw shooting and junior Mike Follis with Best Defensive Player.

As each team dealt with their strengths and weaknesses, both found a way to achieve winning seasons. □

Sophomore Mark Roscoe prepares to put up a three point shot during DAC action. Roscoe contributed to the junior varsity team's 13-7 overall record and 4-2 conference record.



About to let go of a pass, junior Bryce Drew penetrates the Merrillville defense. Drew was named the varsity team's MVP for the second consecutive year.



Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball Team — Front Row: Mark Roscoe, Bob Finley, coach Lew Rhinehart, Josh Craig, Mike Makarowski. Back Row: Joel Porch, Mark Turek, Don Duvall, Mike Follis, Pat Mullin, Pete Dirindin.



Faking out a Rogers defender, senior Steve Jankowski hesitates to get off a shot. One of two seniors, Jankowski was credited with the most rebounds for the season.

Instant Replay

	V	JV
Overall:	17-6	13-7
DAC:	5-1	4-2
Boone Grove	W	L
Highland	W	W
Gary Roosevelt	W	L
E.C. Central	W	L
Chesterton	W	W
Merrillville	W	W
Plymouth	W	W
IV. Tourney	-	L/W
M.C. Rogers Tourney	L/W	-
Chesterton	W	L
Kankakee Valley	W	W
LaPorte	L	W
South Bend Riley	W	W
M.C. Rogers	W	W
Lafayette Jefferson	L	W
Portage	W	L
Hobart	W	W
Wheeler	W	W
Lowell	L	W
N. Judson	W	W
Sectional	W/W	W
Regional	L	L



Varsity Boys' Basketball Team — Front Row: Scott Anleitner, Tim Bishop, Chris Kaleth, Aaron Rasmussen. Second Row: Bob Finley, Bryce Drew, Ryan Erdelac, Mark Burnison, Mike Fol-

lis. Back Row: head coach Bob Punter, asst. coach Bob Barthold, Dave Furlin, Steve Jankowski, Jason Daly, Justin Schmidt.



Despite intense guarding by the Merrillville Pirates, junior guard Tim Bishop races for the basket. Bishop was named to the All-Conference Team.

swimmers earn

THRILLING VICTORY

Boys
strive
toward
state meet

at sectionals

BRET KUTANSKY
LAYOUT/COPY

In order for a car to keep moving, all of its parts must be in working order. The engine, wheels, and driver all coincide to bring the car to its destination. This year's boys' swim team used all of its parts to reach its goals.

"We wanted to fill the gaps left by last year's seniors, win our dual meets and conference, and place well at state," said Charles E. "Skip" Bird, in his 26th year as head swimming coach.

Along the way the boys ran into some tough obstacles.

Chesterton, Munster, and LaPorte all presented strong opposition at the beginning of the season. The Vikes battled on with the help of some old and new faces.

Senior members Pete Sattler, MVP, and Nick Vorkapich provided leadership for the team, while juniors Tim Fleming, Jeff Somers, Kyle Sorenson, and Aaron Witkowski all turned in strong performances. The sophomore class was led by Mahinda Ratnayake and Mike McDonald. Freshman Brandon Mosak lettered in his first season and was honored with the best times award.

"I really enjoy the challenge that swimming offers. You only succeed if you work hard at it," Fleming said.

With this strong group of leaders, the Vikes headed into the sectional meet, not expected to win. However, strong Viking pride and a tradition of excellence prevailed and the Vikes took the title.

"It was the greatest meet of my life. We proved that we were still the dominant team in the area," Witkowski.

A special mention was given to scorekeepers Meg Ehlers, Valerie Piehl, and Tiffany Pollera for keeping the meets running smoothly.

At state, the Vikes finished 8th, giving a happy ending to a season filled with hard work and triumphs.



Boys' Swimming and Diving Team - Front Row: Anas Safadi, Mike Stack, Mike Lammertin, Tom Trupkovich, Jeff Sederberg, Matt Daiber, Jared Dhaemers, Paul Hardebeck, Matt Busse. Second Row: Matt Papachronis, Ryan Shimala, Mark Bowers, Gordon Wilkes, Greg Gratson, Nick Vorkapich. Third Row: Mark Wingenwroth, Kyle Sorensen, Sean Lively, Jeff Somers, Brandon

Mosak, Brad Hewlett. Fourth Row: Nate Glauser, Ray Taylor, Mark Gingrich, Dan Hayford, Frank Hereda. Fifth Row: Mahinda Ratnayake, Pete Sattler, Tim Fleming, George Djourovic, Kevin Haley. Back Row: head coach Skip Bird, diving coach Bill Chappo, assistant coach Larry Reitz, Mike Steffen, Aaron Witkowski. The Vikes posted a 5-1 DAC finish suffering a defeat to Chesterton.



Senior Pete Sattler strives toward another victory at a home meet. Sattler was named MVP and also received the Varsity High Points and Star awards.

Junior Mark Gingrich tries for perfect form before entering the water. The Vikes took advantage of their depth to attain a 9-2 overall record, and another sectional crown.



Instant Replay

Overall: 9-2
DAC: 5-1

Merrillville	W
M.C. Rogers	W
Crown Point	W
Highland	W
Lake Central	W
Portage	W
LaPorte	W
Chesterton	L
Hammond Noll	W
Hobart	W
DAC Meet	3rd
Munster	L
Sectional	1st
State	8th



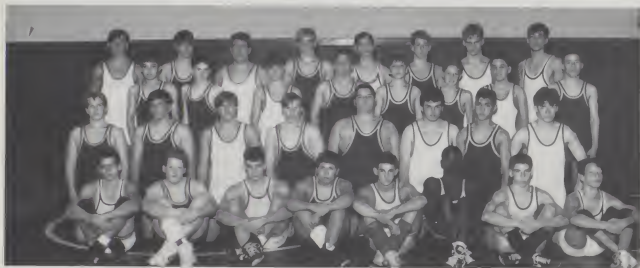
Diving in during a meet with Munster, is junior Aaron Witkowski. He was sectional champ in 100 yard breaststroke and was named an All-Conference swimmer.

Spreading his wings, sophomore Greg Crabson stretches out to earn another win in his event. The Vikes went on to win the sectional title and an 8th place finish at State.

Keeping his opponent on his toes, senior Eric Wilson, struggles toward another Viking win. Wilson ended his high school wrestling career with 125 victories and also won the team's Takedown Award.



Varsity Wrestling Team: First Row - Nick Bilunas, Greg Ewer, Trevor Bollhorst, Alan Morrison, Jamale Cotton, Shane Selby, Matt Freise. Second Row - Brian Rush, Mike Jeselskis, Jason Bradley, Eric Douglas, John Pettis, Brian Laik, Jim MacKenzie. Back Row: Chuck Dekoster, Joe Tolliver, Stefan Selby, George Wilson, Greg Blomberg, Steve Wittmer, Ray Perkins.



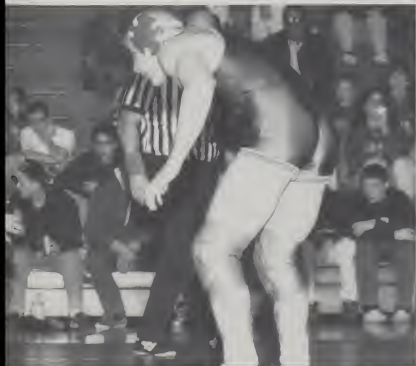
Junior Varsity Wrestling Team - Front Row: Ray Ferguson, Scott Haines, Jim Connor, Mark Gowan, Chris Waseman, Hassan Shields, Andy Freise, Matt Hasler. Second Row: David Seaton, Scott McLeish, John Pettis, Frank Byers, Rich Gray, Shawn Kawicki, Jeremy Bustos, Neil Klepsch. Third Row: Keith Porapalboon, David Garza, Jerhemy Gallagher, Ryan Capron, Adam Kande, Gobar Natz, Shane Selby, John Pilsitz. Back Row: Steve Wittmer, Scott Harrington, Joe Toliver, Matt Tavernier, Joe Gratz, Brandon Rudd, George Wilson, David Strong.



Putting the squeeze in his DAC opponent, sophomore Jamale Cotton takes control of the match. Cotton and teammate Matt Freise tied for the honor of Most Improved.

Senior Brian Laik stares down his opponent, while preparing for his next move. Laik, one of the three seniors on the team, won the Mental Attitude Award.





seniors

PROVIDE experience

Rookies
work
toward
next year

JOHN SPONBERG: LAYOUT
FARRAH MATHAS: COPY

Every season brings change to an athletic team. Rookies join, while some experienced players end their careers.

Although basketball superstars Magic Johnson and Larry Bird retired in 1992, NBA newcomers Shaquille O'Neal and Harold Minor established their reputations with the Orlando Magic and Miami Heat teams during the 1992-93 season.

Like the professional teams, the wrestling team had many young members with little experience. It relied on three key seniors for strength.

Leading the varsity wrestlers were Eric Douglas, Brian Laik, and Eric Wilson.

"The team worked very hard. The younger wrestlers improved and will provide an excellent base for next year," said head coach John Cook who led the team to a 12-6 overall record.

Douglas was runner-up in the High School National Championship and runner-up at the State

meet. His 142 wins also established a new school record.

"I feel pretty good about the things I have accomplished, but I am nowhere near satisfied," Douglas said.

At the season's end, Douglas received MVP honors for the second consecutive year.

With 85 wins and a State qualification, Laik said his career has been challenging and fun.

"My toughest personal goal has been making it to State, which I finally had the chance to do," Laik said.

Cook presented Laik with the Mental Attitude Award at the winter sports banquet.

Wilson's accomplishments at VHS included 120 wins, four Sectional titles, three Regional titles, three DAC titles, and three State qualifications. He was also the recipient of the Takedown Award.

Cook also recognized Shane Selby, Most Outstanding Freshman; sophomore Jim Connor Most Outstanding JV Wrestler, and Sophomores Jamalle Cotton and Matt Freise Most Improved.

Like the professional teams, next year's wrestling standouts are waiting for their chance to excel. □

Instant Replay

Overall: 12-6
DAC: 4th

JV Double Dual	W
Valparaiso Duals	4th
Lowell	W
Highland Quad	1st
Chesterton	W
Merrillville Inv.	4th
Fresh LaPorte Triple Dual	2nd
Portage	L
JV Cn. Pt. Triple Dual	2nd
JV LaPorte Inv.	2nd
Connersville Inv.	9th
LaPorte	L
Hobart	L
DAC Meet	4th
M.C. Rogers	W
Hobart Inv.	2nd
JV S.B. Clay Tourney	
Merrillville	
Sectional	3rd
Regional	5th
Semi-State	5th
State	16th



On the sidelines, head coach John Cook guides his wrestlers to another victory. The varsity team finished 12-6 overall, and fourth in the DAC.

tumblers

VAULT

injuries

Cook,
Swanson
shine at
state

JOHN SPONBERG: LAYOUT
RYAN BRUCE: COPY

Expectations bring pressure to any athletic team. A #1 state ranking, however, brought additional pressure to the girls' gymnastics team.

"This season was tough with our ranking, being undefeated in the dual meets and conference, and having the four highest scores in the state," said head coach Lorie Cook.

Although they did not return to state this year, Coach Cook and the team still believed that they had much success, considering injuries.

"Even with wins like those against Chesterton, our toughest opponent, what probably sticks out most in our minds was the loss at regional," Coach Cook said.

Members and coach alike agreed that leadership played an important role in season

accomplishments.

"When senior Amy (Ehman) was injured, many of the younger gymnasts were outstanding in stepping forward," Coach Cook said.

Among such leaders were freshman Angie Cook, sophomore Karrie Van Rosendale, and juniors Shannon Swanson and Emily Schuetz. Efforts by Cook, Van Rosendale, and Swanson earned them a trip to state meet individual events, where Cook achieved a first place and Swanson a sixth overall.

"We knew what we needed to do without Amy (Ehman)," said freshman Angie Cook.

Team year-end awards went to Ehman, Most Valuable; Cook, Most Consistent; Swanson, Mental Attitude, and Schuetz, Most Team Spirit.

The pressure did not diminish season accomplishments: success in competition and the satisfaction of team friendships developed. □



Twisting and turning over the vault, freshman Lynette Will sails through the air with ease. The gymnastics team finished the year 13-0 overall and 7-0 in the conference.



Instant Relay

Overall: 13-0
DAC: 7-0

Crown Point/	W/W
M.C. Rogers	3rd
Portage Pairs Inv.	1st
Viking Invite	W
LaPorte	W
Ft. Wayne Concordia Inv.	1st
Hobart	W
Lowell	W
Chesterton	W
Portage	W
Merrillville	W
DAC Meet	1st
Sectional	2nd
Regional	2nd

Sophomore Kari Van Rosendale gets a running start for her floor routine. Van Rosendale was one of three team members who made the trip to the state finals.

Junior Michelle Child displays perfect form while on the balance beam. Although this year's gymnasts ended the season undefeated, they failed to return to state as a team.



While maintaining excellent balance, freshman Angie Cook goes through her routine before a meet. Cook, who was the all-around state champ, was also named the team's most consistent gymnast.



Gymnastics Team — First Row: Emily Schuetz, Hope Fierst, Karrie Van Rosendale, Amy Ehman, Brittney Hanchar, Shannon Swanson, Lynette Will. Back Row: Becky Juergens, ass't. coach; Lindsay Hanson, Susan DeLuna, Stephanie Hurnick, Angie Cook, Michelle Child, Mia Sorrick, Lorie Cook, head coach.

Striving to improve her performance, senior Amy Ehman concentrates on each individual move. Although injured near the end of the season, Ehman was the team's MVP and the lone senior on the team.



JV soccer players freshman Brian Anderson and sophomore Mike Miller fight for the ball against an opponent. After tryouts, players were assigned to either the j.v. or varsity team.



Senior Sean Munnelly, sophomore Chris Ehrenberg, and senior Ben Breitingner celebrate after scoring the winning goal against powerhouse East Chicago Central. The team's unity helped them overcome obstacles throughout the season.

Varsity Soccer Team - Front Row: Steve Cuson, Ryan Handley, Brad Wolf, John Bergeson, Mike Cuson. Second Row: Adam Blackman, Joe Doppler, Bimal Doshi, Tony Choate, Chris Erhenberg, Craig Wathen. Back Row: Coach Dan Jeflich, Pat Matthieu, Paul Johnson, Steve Ross, Mark Germann, Mike Daiber, Ben Breitingner, Sean Munnelly, Ryan McQuillan.



Sean Munnelly, senior, attempts to steal the ball from an opponent. A co-captain, Munnelly, and other seniors provided strong leadership for the team.

Receiving a pass from a teammate is junior Adam Blackman. Blackman, a transfer student from Ohio, was a first-year member of the VHS team.





Instant Replay

Lake-Porter Conference 4-3
Overall: 11-6-1

Warsaw Tourney	JV	W
Highland	-	W/W
Crown Point	W	W
Chesterton	W	L
Munster	W	W
Andean	W	L
Merrillville	W	W
S.B. Clay	W	-
E.C. Central	W	W
JV Tourney	W/L	-
SB Clay Classic	-	L/T
Hobart	W	W
Portage	L	L
Lew Wallace	-	W
Griffith	W	W
Conference Tourney	-	W/W
Northern Cup	-	L



unity

PRODUCES

triumphs

Veterans
boost
Vikings'
mentality

KIM ABNER
LAYOUT/COPY

Jeffitch, who was in his second year of coaching the Vikings.

"He coaches us the way we respond best: with patience, fundamentals, philosophy and work ethic," Ehrenberg said.

Jeffitch, however, believed that the improvement had to do with the team's increasing self-esteem.

"Our confidence is growing with each win, and now we're really starting to click," senior Sean Munnelly said.

Jeffitch also said that the co-captains, Ben Breitingner and Munnelly and many of the experienced seniors did a good job of unifying and motivating the team.

The varsity team finished 11-6-1 which included a first-time trip to the Northern Cup Finals. The j.v. team ended 10-3.

Armed with the knowledge that it is hard to achieve your goals by yourself, the soccer team worked together to be successful. □

Someone once wrote, "United we stand, divided we fall."

Likewise, the varsity and j.v. soccer teams had to unite in order to conquer their obstacles and a two-year losing streak.

"Before each game the coach asks us 'How are we going to do it?' and we say 'Together!'" sophomore Chris Ehrenberg said.

Their cohesiveness on and off the field created a noticeable increase in their overall skill and playing ability.

"These guys have become good friends, and that reflects on the field. By mid-season we had already matched the number of wins that we had all last year," head coach Danny Jeffitch said.

Many of the players attribute their improvement to Coach



J V Soccer Team - Front Row: Jeff Stephan, Andrew Boyle, Mason Burdett, Chris Markese, Brian Anderson, Adam Julovich. Second Row: Mike Bustos, Matt Rickman, Mike Miller, Matt Albrecht, J. R. Dunn, David Blackman,

Nate Eagan, Wes Dickinson, David Germann. Back Row: Coach Ted Cuson, Jason Brazell, Mahinda Ratnayake, Jim Woods, Sean Anderson, Jeremy Bustos, Sam Kelceski, Nate Bauer, Jeff Brown. The JV team played at Fairgrounds Park.

Attempting to return a serve is junior Jen Silva. Although the sport required skill and concentration, many team members said the season was a lot of fun.

Girls' Varsity Tennis Team - Front Row: Cathy Hanson, Angie Sanghvi, Jamie Mott, Chris Marsch. Back Row: Head Coach Bob Barthold, Thea Mason, Jen Silva, Tiffany Shone, Amy Zelaya, Coach Dave Kings.



Sending the ball back to her opponent is sophomore Jamie Mott. The girls remained a powerhouse against DAC and other area teams in both singles and doubles matches.



lady vikings

SERVE UP EXCELLENCE

on and off court

Girls set goals beyond winning

BRET KUTANSKY: LAYOUT
KEVIN MILLER: COPY

Despite the financial benefits in professional tennis, players have to cope with adversities such as grueling schedules and angry fans.

On the high school level, however, the players also have to cope with a variety of problems. A cool, rainy spring caused the team a delayed season and increased anxiety.

After the season got underway, the teams won their first matches, but varsity lost to a strong Munster team.

"Munster was our toughest opponent this year because they are a well balanced team in both singles and doubles," said Bob Barthold, three-year varsity girls, varsity tennis coach.

Each team however had individual difficulties other than the weather and the Munster team.

"The toughest obstacle was the mental game. That's the real challenge," said junior Amy Zelaya, a three-year letter winner, and #2 singles player who competed at state.

At the beginning of the season they set team goals to strive for. They wanted to practice hard, play better than they practiced, and cap-

ture the DAC crown.

"I wanted to be a strong singles player, so I worked on my net game and being more aggressive," said Zelaya.

As DAC and sectional champs, team goals were established, but some players on the No. 15-ranked Semi-State champion team also set individual goals.

"My main objective this year was to get along with everybody and have fun," said sophomore transfer student from Lake Central Thea Mason, #1 singles player and MVP.

Although the players were up against difficult obstacles, the Vikings found a way to pull through. □



Volleying back a return during a match is sophomore Thea Mason. Mason, a transfer from Lake Central High School, played at the number one singles spot for most of the season.

Instant Replay

	V	JV
DAC:	7-0	7-0
Overall:	20-3	13-0

Crown Point	W	W
M.C. Elston	W	W
Munster	L	W
Andean	W	W
Lake Central	W	W
Portage	W	W
Chesterton	W	W
Highland	W	W
Hobart	W	W
Culver	W	W
Merrillville	W	W
M.C. Rogers	W	W
Culver Invitational	W	W
LaPorte	W	W
Sectionals	W	
Regionals	W	
Semi-State	W	
State	L	

Freshman Kelly Olivotto dives to save a ball. The j.v. team outplayed all their opponents earning a 14-0 record.



Junior Varsity Girls' Tennis Team —
Front Row: Kelly Olivotto, Terra Smith, Mariko Lin. **Second Row:** Jessica Malok, Lisa Porapaiboon, Melissa Hanson, Prasanthi Tummuru. **Back Row:** Varsity Coach Bob Barthold, Kristen Collins, Jen Mehring, Carey Brown, JV Coach Dave Kings.



Leaping to reach a fly-away ball is freshman Terra Smith, a JV player. Like every sport, the JV team gave younger players an opportunity to build skills.

Sophomore Jason Rouch attempts to sink this shot on one of the holes. Home meets and practices took place at Forest Park and Valparaiso Country Club.

Beginning his drive along the fairway is senior Chad Wiesjahn, an All-Conference golfer. Senior leadership was important to the team of young players.

Junior Chris Kaleth wedges his way out of a sand trap during a meet. Kaleth, a two-year letter winner, was consistently one of the top five players throughout the season and was named All-Conference.



Boys' Golf Team — Front Row: Ty Kozma, Jason Rouch, Bill Sullivan, Ryan Birch, Tom Gott. Back Row: Craig Haltom, Chris Kaleth, Jason Crowell, Chad Wiesjahn, Bill Welter, Coach Wayne Lichtenberger. Welter, the team's MVP, was also named All-Conference and All-State.

Before a home meet, boys' golf coach Wayne Lichtenberger reviews last minute strategies. Lichtenberger led the team to win the Lake Central Invitational, and defeat DAC foes Merrillville and Rogers. The JV record was 11-3 overall, and 10-2 in the DAC.





Young
players
lead
on links

BRET KUTANSKY: LAYOUT
JOHN SPONBERG: COPY

When the fab five of Michigan began their college basketball careers, the promise of tomorrow was the issue critics focused on. No one however, realized that these five freshmen would achieve as much success as they did.

Similarly, this season's boys' golf team had a young squad that, with the promise of tomorrow, earned its share of victories.

"Like every time we wanted to go undefeated, but our most important goals were to win sectional, regional, and to place in the top five at state," said head golf coach Wayne Lichtenberger.

The varsity golf team earned an overall record of 17-3, and ranked #2 in the DAC.

"Our only weakness had to be that we had trouble putting together good back to back

nine hole scores, but, as young as we are, we should improve for next season," said Lichtenberger.

Despite this, though, the golf team still managed to put together a season filled with success. The Vikings cruised through the DAC regular season, defeating LaPorte, Portage, and Merrillville.

"We were a very good team but we were also a very young team. Having our entire starting lineup returning, we should be even better next year," said junior Craig Haltom, who spent the season at the number four spot for the varsity.

Rounding out the rest of the varsity team's starting five were sophomores Bill Welter and Jason Crowell, junior Chris Kaleth, and freshman Bill Sullivan.

As Michigan's fab five worked its way to the Final Four, this season's boys' golf team used its own fab five to achieve its goals. □

Instant Replay

Overall:	J.V. 11-3	Varsity 17-3
DAC:	10-2	10-2

LaVille JV Tourney	Varsity 1st
M.C. Marquette Tourney	3rd
Crown Point	L
Highland	W
Lake Central Inv.	1st
M.C. Marquette	W
W	W
JV Tourney	W/W
Merrillville/M.C. Rogers	W/W
Hobart/Chesterton	W/W
Rensselaer Inv.	2nd
Hobart/M.C. Rogers	W/W
LaPorte Inv.	3rd
Portage/LaPorte	W/L
LaPorte/Merrillville	W/W
Andean	W
Lake Central Inv.	1st
Portage/Chesterton	W/L
M.C. Elston	W
Sectionals	2nd
Regionals	3rd
State	13th



Junior Craig Haltom prepares to putt by lining up his next shot. A two-year letterman, Haltom played the number four spot on the varsity team.

Four-year varsity player, senior Stacey Hrabota fires a pitch towards home during a double-header against Lowell. Hrabota was named All-State pitcher for the second year.



After a strikeout of a Hobart player, J.V. catcher, sophomore JoAnne Caporale returns the ball to the mound. All home games were played at the Bicentennial field.

leaders

Players
strive
toward
title

DELIVER success

SARA BROWN: LAYOUT
RYAN BRUCE: COPY

Teams practice for a game, expecting to meet a tough competitor. But, according to fifth year head varsity softball coach Kathy Levandoski, the team's biggest opponent was their ambitious goals.

"To win our conference and make it to the state tourney were our primary goals," Levandoski said.

Although players admitted to having individual goals, most agreed that team goals were more important.

"I wanted to be able to have fun and improve my overall ability to play, but, more importantly, I wanted the team to win every game possible," said fourth-year player Michele Brewer.

Accomplishing a record of 2nd in the DAC and 21-6 overall, the varsity displayed real teamwork.

"It can either be one team or

nine girls that win a game. I like to think of us as one team," Brewer said.

This year's JV team record of in the DAC and overall broke the team's streak of .500 or below for all of its seven year history.

"We had the best start ever and a really good group with excellent team spirit and leadership," said fifth year JV coach Karen Hancock.

Although softball focuses more on the team rather than its individuals, certain players excelled.

Year-end honors were awarded to pitcher Stacey Hrabota, team and DAC's MVP. Hrabota was also named to the All-Star team. Kristie Boland led the team with a .380 batting average and also was All-Conference. Mental Attitude Award winner was freshman Megan Daly.

Through the qualities of team unity and spirit, both teams registered records beyond preseason estimates. □



Instant Replay

Overall:	V.	J.V.
DAC:	21-6	12-8
	10-2	9-3

Plymouth	W	W
Chesterlon	W	W
Penn (DH)	W/W	L
M.C. Rogers	W	W
Hobart	W	W
M'sville	L	L
Lowell (DH)	W/L	L/L
Griffith	W	W
LaPorte	W	W
Portage		L
Wheeler		L
Viking Inv.	W/L/W	
Chesterlon	W	W
M.C. Rogers	W	W
Morton	L	L
Hobart	W	W
Griffith	L	L
Merrillville	L	L
Crown P.	W	W
LaPorte	W	W
S.B. Riley	W	W
Portage	W/W	
Regionals	W/W	
Semi State	L	

Girls' Varsity Softball Team — Front Row: Tennifer Drake, Megan Daly, Angie Fisher, Kim Kuehl, Danielle Shalpsik, Jennifer Elliott. Back Row: Head Coach Kathy Levandoski, Kristie

Boland, Erin Daly, Stacey Hrabota, Melissa Rucker, Michelle Brewer, Ass't. Coach Claudia Geise. The Lady Viks captured their 3rd consecutive sectional and Regional Championships.

Varsity first baseman, senior Michele Brewer fields a hit from a Lowell player. A three-year varsity player, Brewer led the team in put-outs and was named All-Conference.



Junior Angie Fisher, a three-year varsity player, completes her swing. Fisher, a valuable member of the varsity team as second baseman, was named to the All-Conference team.

Going for an out, sophomore Shannon Capron hurls the ball towards homeplate. Composed of freshmen and sophomores, J.V. was coached by Karen Hancock.

Girls' Junior Varsity Softball Team — Front Row: Kelly Fuscoe, Angie Helton, JoAnne Caporale, Melissa Wolf, Carla Valenti, Lauren Garcia. Second Row: Shannon Capron, Mari Cox, Cori Walls, Carne Dolezal, Dana Saxe, Farrah Mathas. Back Row: Head Coach Karen Hancock, Allison Kissinger, Jennifer Pearson, Jennifer Hensel, Keli Lanyt, Coach Tracey Biel.

sluggers

Weather
challenges
teams'
abilities

BATTLE elements

HEIDI LETZ
LAYOUT/COPY

Usually the boys' baseball team's toughest opponent is LaPorte, a three-time state champion. But this year the team's hardest fought battle was against the windy, rainy weather that affected practices and performance during the first half of the season.

The players' talents and abilities overcame the conditions and the varsity team finished with a season total of 23-9, and a 5-7 DAC record. Varsity won its 17th Sectional, defeated South Central in Regionals but lost to Lowell.

"The weather had affected our play. We weren't able to practice in game conditions very much early in the season because of the rain," said head coach Pat Murphy.

Despite losing nine seniors from the previous year's team, Murphy and assistant coach Charles "Biff" Geiss set high goals for the team.

The coaches and players aimed to win the DuSable Athletic Conference title and the state championship tournament.

According to Murphy, seniors Dave Hanson, Aaron Rasmussen, and juniors Tim Bishop, Ryan Erdelac, and Scott Antleiner were key players in victories over Rogers, Hobart, Highland, and Portage.

Receiving end-of-season honors were Hanson, the MVP and Best ERA; Bishop for Offense, and Antleiner for Defense. Bishop was named to the Conference team.

Like the varsity, the j.v. team overcame adverse conditions ending the season 21-3 overall, and 9-3 in the DAC under the direction of coach Todd Coffin.

Third-year coach Steve Krutz led the freshman team to a 17-4 overall record which established a new school record.

Despite the curve Mother Nature threw, the boys' baseball teams overcame any hindrances and had successful seasons. □



Instant Replay

Overall: 21-3 23-9
DAC: 9-3 5-7

	JV	V
Whiting		W
Hammond Noll		W
Highland	W	W
South Central	W	W/W
Crown Point	W/W	W
Chesterton	W	W
New Prairie	W/W	W
Hobart	W	W
M.C. Rogers	W	W
Merrillville		L
Roscoe	L	W
LaPorte	W	L
Portage	W	L
New Prairie		W
Marion		W/W
Chesterton	W	L
M.C. Rogers	W	W
Munster	W/W	W
Hobart	W	L
South Central	W	W
Merrillville	L	L
LaPorte	W	L
Portage	W	W
Tourney	W	W
E.C. Central		W
N. Judson		W
Mill/Elletts		W
Cary Mesa		W/W
Sectional		W
Chatterbox/Wheeling	W/W	W
Regional		W
5 Conference		W/L



Junior Ben Wagner fires the ball toward home plate during warm-ups. The varsity team won 11 consecutive games before its Regional loss.



Junior Varsity Baseball Team - Front Row: James Bovy, Chuck Watson, Sean Sinclair, Dave Lee, Gary Oswald, Tom Magnetti. Second Row: Jim Connor, Jason Linkimer, Ben Furnas, Josh Geisse,

Eric White. Back Row: Head Coach Todd Coffin, Pat Mullin, Bob Finley, Justin Schmidt, Mark Roscoe, Tim Beach, manager. Earning a 9-3 Conference record, the team finished 21-3 overall.

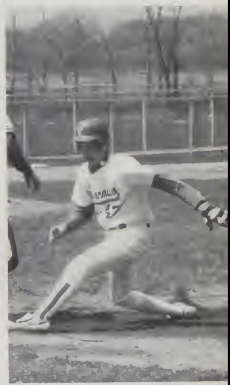


Sliding into second base, junior Scott Anleitner beats the pitch from a Crown Point baseman. Anleitner was a member of the varsity team for two years and was named

While leading off for second base freshman Sean Graves keeps an eye on the action at home plate. The freshmen team coached by Steve Krutz provided a training ground for future j.v. and varsity players.



A New Prairie pitcher spots junior Justin Schmidt as he attempts to steal second base. The JV Vikes defeated New Prairie three times including a doubleheader shutout.



Varsity Baseball Team - Front Row: Ryan Knauff, Aaron Rasmussen, Mike Murphy, Bret Kutansky, Chad Garrard, Joe Pollaro. Second Row: Scott Anleitner, Ben Wagner, Dave Hanson,

Chuck Huff, Doug Uehling, Tim Bishop, Mark Gingrich. Back Row: Biff Geiss; Assistant Coach, Tori Korpenko, Ryan Erdelac, George Sormaz, Paul Seamon, Head Coach Pat Murphy.



Freshman Baseball Team - Front Row: Jeremy Simms, Jeff Cummings, Craig Morris, Mark Anderson, Chad Evans, Tom Newton. Second Row: Brad Bonkoski, Joe Krysa, Shane Wiesjahn,

Sean Graves, J.L. Lawczul, Justin Wronko, Tom Rickman, statistician. Back Row: Coach Steve Krutz, Jon Lopez, Justin Crowell, Bryan Stephan, Blake West, Matt Taverier, Guy Wellman.

Girls' Track Team — Front Row: Mary Gingrich, Danielle Hereda, Tammy Kaye, Kelli Hammers, Allison Seward, Anne Geary, Sheila Lancaster, Veronica Marquez, Allison Deschamps, Kellilyn Wheeler, Cindy Manning, Kim Westlake, Emily Evans. Second Row: Alyssa Swenson, Allison Seward, Julie Hollar, Courtney Wheatman, Kelly Lawhead, Kim Singh, Lynette Will, Katie Looft, Shannon Ferguson, Jennifer McBride, Jessica Lester, Jodie Mroz. Third Row: Amber

Turpin, Tanya Farrow, Katie Fitzgerald, Erin McGuigan, Terri Flynn, Amy Cannon, Bethany Hazen, Molly Erman, Jen Garrard, Julie Edwards, Marthena Baker, Shannon Swanson, Karen Phillips, Debbie Fray. Fourth Row: Kelly Yagelski, Erin Fitzgerald, Jane Barbknecht, Angela Jones, Tori Kadish, Sarah Hites, Becky Lahne, Kim Corley, Alicia Pierson, Anne Maesch, Jen Niksch, Anne Holterhoff, Julie Neeley, Amy Gonzales, Ralph Iatarola, head coach. Back Row: Karen

DeVries, coach; Molly Joll, coach; Anne Hrivnak, Suzanne Buckley, Chelsea Hollis, Jessica Freitag, Jill Petcu, Beth Goldman, Jennifer Gent, Sarah Stricklett, Lindsey Brown.

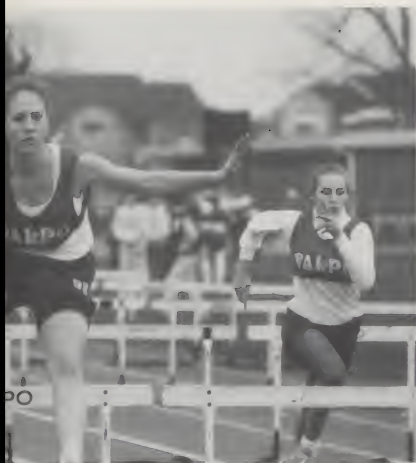
Sophomore Becky Lahne hurdles her way toward the finish line during a meet. Speed and power were two important skills to have for participants in all events, according to almost all team members.



Sophomore Chelsea Hollis spins her way toward a victory in the discus. Due to an injury, Hollis was out part of the season, and was unable to assist in the DAC meet's 3rd place finish.

Attempting to make it over the high jump bar is freshman Jennifer Gent. According to assistant coach Fray, there were many talented freshman who contributed to an enjoyable season.





Instant Replay

Overall: 7-1
DAC: 5-1

LaPorte	W
Merrillville	W
Hobart	W
M.C. Rogers	L
Portage	W
Chesterton	W
Lake Central	W
Highland Inv.	5th
Crown Point	W
DAC Meet	3rd
Sectional	W
Regional	16th



Running to a victory is junior Amy Gonzales. Dedication and determination were equally as important as skill in the events, according to Gonzales.

Neck and neck with a Merrillville opponent is senior Marthana Baker. Many runners said at tense moments like this, team spirit was a necessity to pull runners through.



Assistant girls' track coach Debbie Fray congratulates junior Jen Garrard after a good race. Fray and Karen DeVries served as assistant coaches to head coach Ralph Iatarola.



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Team
meets
high
standards

JOANNE CAPORALE:
LAYOUT
FARRAH MATHAS: COPY

For some people, running may seem a bother, a chore, or even a punishment, while to others it is a way of life.

Despite the work, discipline and talent needed to succeed in any aspect of track competition, the girls' team proves its ability by earning a 7-1 dual meet record.

Besides skill, other factors played a key role in the success of the team. Practice, hard work, and a good mental attitude were also important in achieving a 5-1 DAC record and a Sectional title.

"My events didn't take as much skill as they did dedication and determination," said junior Amy Gonzales, who competed in the 800m, 1600m, and 3200m.

The dedication and determination of the team enabled them to outscore all regular season opponents except DAC foe Michigan City Rogers. According to head coach Ralph Iatarola, Rogers was the team's toughest opponent.

Along with a winning season, another primary team goal was making sure each person reached their potential.

"One of our goals was to get each girl to compete her hardest and reach her personal best," assistant coach Debbie Fray said.

Iatarola attributed the team's success to many individual efforts.

"We had no dominating athletes, yet won 90 percent of our meets. That showed a lot of contribution by each girl," Iatarola said.

Along with team goals, each team member set personal goals.

"My goals were to beat Chesterton, be DAC champs, and be Sectional champs. Other than that, I just wanted to have fun and improve my times," sophomore Kelly Bickel said.

As writing will always stay with an author and helping people stays with a doctor, running is something that, according to one runner, "will stay with us the rest of our lives." □

Coming out of his wind-up, junior Paul Szotek prepares to release his discus. Szotek was among the team leaders in the field events.



Senior Chris McChristian and juniors Jaime Cruikshank and Todd Cerdá maintain a quick pace during the 200m race against M.C. Rogers. The boys' track team finished 2nd in the DAC.

Overcoming the forces of gravity, Josh Murphy flies over the high jump bar during DAC action. Murphy was one of many seniors who provided leadership.



Instant Replay

Overall:	51-2
DAC:	6-0
Lowell	W
E.C. Central	W
Valpo Inv.	1st
Hebbron	W
LaPorte	W
Merrillville	W
Hobart	W
M.C. Rogers	W
Portage	W
Chesterton	W
Chesterton Relays	1st
Gary Roosevelt Inv.	1st
Valpo Relays	1st
Chesterton	W
DAC Meet	2nd
Valpo Inv.	1st
Sectionals	W
Regionals	3rd
State	17th



Boys' Track Team — Front Row: Matt Laughner, Joe Gubernatz, Nathan Rasmussen, Kyle Baer, Willie Marquez, Dan Marvin, Sean Monroe, Tom McDaniel, Drew Thomas, Sy Foley, Chris McChristian, Mike Mica, Jay Bilunas. Second Row: Alex Lute, Aaron Pierson, Jeff Clark, Jim Mackenzie, Brian Barthold, Mike Bonaventura, Mike Zell, Craig Buford, Jay Turner, Hasaan Shields, Chris Simstad, Todd Hughes, Aaron Witkowski, Ben Kim, Todd Kostelnik. Third Row: Pete Sattler, Nathan Smurdon, Ed Kim, Leslie Ropel, Stephanie Svetcoff, Cory Dulcis,

Coach John Snyder, Coach Mike Prow, Head Coach Mark Hoffman, Coach Dan Jones, Coach Rich Kenn, Debbie Deu, Beth Frederick, Leslie Rea, Marc Jones, Eric Pearson, Jerry Drever. Fourth Row: Tom Collins, Chris Deal, Jeremy Harrington, Mike Carbine, Josh McChristian, Justin Shurr, Aron Swanson, Josh Porch, Ray Lee, Nick Bilunas, Todd Cerdá, Sean Sheely, Dan Wilkin, Joe Rosado, Joe Racine, Steve Dunne, Kevin Miller, Dave Sturgeon, Jaimie Cruikshank. Fifth Row: Joe Tolliver, Mike Davies, Bill Cooley, Joel Porch, Brandon Rudd, Tim Crissman,

Brian Tullis, Pat Walsh, David Kush, Brian Bonkoski, Paul Szotek, Matt Ryan, Ray Perkins, Jon Ziegert, Dan Tursman, Ben Holterhoff, Rich Gast, Jason Goodrich. Back Row: Hartmut Becher, Scott Jacobs, Kris Brelich, Josh Murphy, Joe Hohner, Rich Gray, John Ashbaugh, Rich Babcock, Joe Spiller, Bruce Chaffee, Ed Hussy, Joe Gratz, Jason Scott, Brandon Mosak, Justin West, Derrick Swanson, Mike Kwiatkowski, Justin Gent, Steve Manwaring. Ranked 6th in the state throughout the season, the team placed 2nd in the DAC.



6th ranked
boys
remain
unbeaten

JOHN SPONBERG
COPY/LAYOUT

With a garnished tradition of excellence in its past, the boys' track team upheld its winning ways with a combination of talented upperclassmen and depth at each individual event.

"Track can be a lot of fun. There really isn't that much pressure on you to do well because you know that if you don't do well, some one is bound to step up and do the job," said junior shot and discus thrower Chris Breltich.

The 90-member team possessed outstanding senior leaders and, according to seventh year head coach Mark Hoffman, also had promising younger participants in the field events.

"We really didn't try to do anything different this year. We just tried to continue what we have done in the past, and with seniors who were very hard

depth

EARN'S SUCCESS

working and willing to make sacrifices, that was possible," said Hoffman.

Ranked 6th in the State throughout the season, the track team finished 51-2 overall, and 6-0 in the DAC. Also, in dual meets, the team was 17-0, while the j.v. squad also went undefeated.

"Our goals this season, like every season, were to improve with each practice and each meet. Then we wanted to see how far we could get at conference, sectional, regional, and finally at state," Hoffman said.

Key track members this year were senior Nate Smurdon in the 3200, junior Aaron Witkowski in the 400, sophomore Chris Simstad in the hurdles, and juniors Chris Breltich and Paul Szotech in the shot and discus events.

Some key teams the Vikings conquered were Merrillville, Portage, and LaPorte.

As the track squad utilized its senior strength, it also developed its talented youth for the future.

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Members of the j.v. track team line up prior to the start of the 100m dash. The j.v. team finished undefeated in the DAC.

During registration, senior Bryan Allen pays for his I.D. lunch card. Registration took place one week before school started to assign lockers and pay book fees.

Sophomore Michelle Androskaut boards the bus for home at the end of the day. Construction forced buses to detour loading to behind the fieldhouse.

Despite the cold weather, seniors Christy Layton and Shelly Malayter cheer on the football team. Soc hops were held in the fieldhouse after home football and basketball games.



Taco Bell was a popular hangout for many students including juniors Nick Bilunas, Ryan Knauff, and Adrian Urgino. The extended hours allowed students to get somewhere late at night.

After a home basketball game, seniors Kim Stammel and Kim Porapaiboon enjoy a snack at Pizza Hut. Whether going out or staying at home, students found ways to get together on the weekends.





New faces, ideas expanded
opportunity for diversity and growth

Expression

KIM ABNER: LAYOUT
HEIDI LETZ: COPY

In a school as large as VHS, it's easy to be looked upon as just a number. Instead, each person wanted to be recognized for their individuality and special talents, the qualities that made up such a diverse student body.

As the city grew and developed, it was difficult to find people with common interests. But one thing we were all familiar with was the pride in our school.

Students displayed that spirit by participating in clubs or athletics, attending dances, games, and Homecoming activities.

Despite the limited amount of time students had after academics, they found ways to balance their time for whatever activities they chose.

Everyday we were meeting new people and experiencing A CHANGE IN FACES. □

getting the job done

BETH RUDD: LAYOUT
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Coordinating all activities for the Class of '93 are (back row) Courtney Bechtold, president; Jenny Hall, treasurer; (front row) Dawn Bauer, secretary; and Sarah Klett, vice president.

Seniors look forward to graduation throughout their high school years. Although students were aware of the time and effort exerted for the event, many did not know senior class officers were responsible for its success.

Selected to coordinate all senior activities were Courtney Bechtold, president; Sarah Klett, vice president; Dawn Bauer, secretary; and Jenny Hall, treasurer. "We organized all senior class activities, including commencement, senior banquet, baccalaureate, homecoming float, and the Spirit Week hallway decorating," Bechtold said.

The officers' main focus was to

run graduation smoothly.

"We were basically in charge of organizing the whole thing," Bauer said.

According to Klett, the officers met two to three times a week, and were also members of Student Council, which met every week.

When organizing the homecoming float and decorating their hallway, the officers tried to get their classmates involved.

"Although we made the final decisions, we took suggestions from everyone for the float and the hallway, and combined them," Bechtold said.

"I think it's good to get people involved, and it turned out great, since we won both contests. It was a class effort," said Klett.

To leave a permanent mark at VHS the officers put a time cap-

sule in the new addition. These graduates and the Class of '73 placed items in the capsule.

"The new addition is significant because it was put up during our senior year, so we arranged to have a stone with the school's name and date engraved on it," said Hall.

Interim principal Janice Bergeson said that Graduation consisted of three important parts.

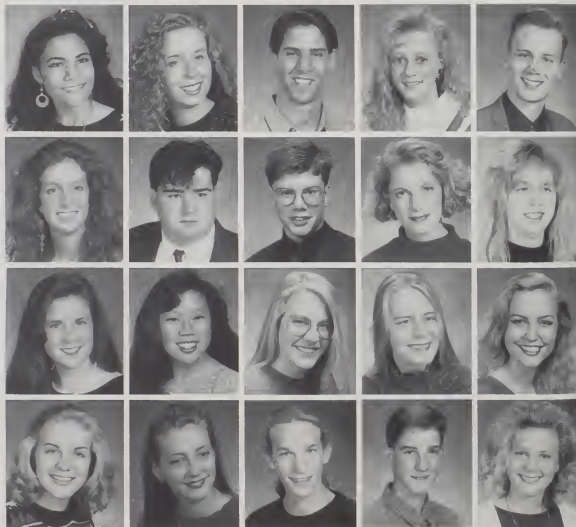
"I consider the senior dinner a time for graduates to laugh and remember their times in high school among themselves. I think Baccalaureate is more of a family celebration, while Commencement is a time for each senior to mark his success at V.H.S. and the beginning of an exciting life that they've been preparing for the past four years," said Bergeson. □

DEENA ABDO — earth awareness club 1-2; French club 4; art club 2.
KIMBERLY MARIE ABNER — drama club 3-4; model U.N. 3-4; natural helper 4; spirit club 2-3; student council 3-4; student faculty senate 4; (treas.) volleyball 1-2; softball 2; national honor society 4.
ADAM DUANE ACKENHUSEN
AMY ELIZABETH ADAMS — drama club 1-2; German club 1-2; powder puff football 3-4.
BRYAN T. ALLEN — SADD 2; intramural volleyball 1-4; intramural football 3-4; Japanese club 4.

CATHERINE DYAN ALLEN — SADD 1-4 (pres. 4); student council 1-2; student faculty senate 3-4; vultures 1-3; volleyball 1-4 (co-captain).
BRON J. ANDERSON — class officer 3 (vice-pres.); earth awareness club 4; gaming club 1-2; student council 3-4; weightlifting 1-4; football 1-2; track 1-2.
BRYAN J. ANDERSON — industrial tech 2; track 1-2; wrestling 3; cross country 3.
KARIN ANDERSON — band 1; student council 1-3; intramural basketball 4; intramural aerobics 3.
MELISSA ANDERSON — earth awareness club 2; art club 2.

TRACEY LEE ARMSTRONG — choir 4.
MIAMI B. AUSTENSEN — band 1-4; choir 1-4; French club 3; tennis 2-3; speech 2-3 drama club 3-4.
JAMIE R. BACH — choir 2-4.
JODIE MARIE BACH — art club 1-4.
KATHERINE JEANNE BACHMAN — band 1-4; choir 1-4 (concert choir sec. 40).

MARTHENA ANN BAKER — German club (treas. 4); orchestra 1-4 (sec. 2); vice-pres. 3; quiz bowl 3-4; cross country 1-4; track 1-4; basketball 1-2.
HOLLY LEIGH BALON — band 1-4; DECA 2 (sec.); drama club 3; foreign exchange club 1; French club 3-4 (vice-pres. 3; treas. 4); natural helper 3; student council 1-2 (rep.).
RYAN PATRICK BAMBRICK — gaming club 3; German club 4.
CHRIS A. BARBER — band 1-4; jazz ensemble 3-4; SADD 3; intramural football 2-3; intramural volleyball 3.
JUDITH ANN BARBKNECHT — band 1-4 (pres. 4); German club 2; jazz ensemble 2-4; natural helper 4 (rainbow staff); SADD 2-3; spirit club 1-4 (vice-pres. 2, pres. 4); V-teers 3-4.





ERIC M. BARROS — tennis 1-2
 JEANETTE MARIE BASINSKI
 CATHERINE L. BASSFORD
 DAWN RENEE BAUER — French club 5; natural helper (tram-
 bow staff 4); SADD 2; spirit club 2-4 (vice-pres. 3, pres. 4);
 student council 3-4 (sec. 4); class officer 4
 HARTMUT BECHER — foreign exchange student from Ger-
 many; foreign exchange club 4; orchestra 4; track 4; intramural
 skiing 4

COURTNEY RENE BECHTOLD — cheerleading 1-4 (capt. 4),
 class officer 4 (pres.); natural helper 4; spirit club 1-4; student
 council 2-4; v-teens 3-4 (vice-pres. 4); intramural volleyball 4,
 homecoming court 4
 JOSH SIXTE BEDARD — swimming 1; wrestling 2-3
 KELLY ANN BECKMAN — choir 1-4; French club 3-4; varsity
 singers 2-4 (board member 4)
 ROBIN SARA BEESLEY — natural helper 3; valeman (alum
 editor) 3; softball 1-2; quill and scroll 3
 STACEY ROUSSELLE BENEDICT — choir 1-4

STACY R. BENNINGTON
 JOHN ROBERT BERGESON — natural helper 3-4 (rainbow
 staff 4); student council 3-4; football 1-2; wrestling 1-3; soccer 1-
 4; national honor society 3-4
 ANDREW J. BERGSTEDT — cross country 1-3
 JESSICA MARIE BESTERMAN — drama club 1-3; earth
 awareness club 2-4; foreign exchange club 2-3; art club 3-4; pep
 band 2-3
 AMY CHRISTINA BICKEL

ANDREW J. BIEDRON
 PERRIN DALE BOHANNING — choir 1-4; drama club 1-3; earth
 awareness club 4; foreign exchange club 1; varsity singers 1-3
 AMY VALERIE BOLDYN — natural helper 3-4; domestic
 exchange 2; SADD 2-4; student council 1; cross country 1; track
 1, 2, 4; intramural aerobics 3-4; intramural 4
 ANGELA ROSE BOLLHOFST — spell bowl 3; Spanish club 4
 CATHERINE ANNE BONIFAS — band 1-4; SADD 1-4 (board
 member 4); student council 2; student faculty senate 4 (vice-
 pres.); vikettes 1-3; basketball 1; volleyball 1-2; tennis 2; national
 honor society 3-4; Japanese club 4

TRACEY A. BOOTH — band 1; SADD 2; spirit club 4; track 3,
 intramural basketball 4
 LAURA A. BOWERS — academic superbowl 4; foreign
 exchange club 2-3; German 1-4; SADD 2-3; swimming (co-cap-
 tain) 1-4; track 2-3; basketball 1; intramural basketball 2-4;
 national honor society
 DEBORAH JOHANNA BOYD — choir 3-4, drama club 1-4;
 valeman (ads manager) 2-4; golf 2-3; quill and scroll 2-4
 BECKY LYNN BOYER
 CAROLINE J. BRADNEY

ERIC W. BRANDY
 TAMARA LYNN BREIT — band 1-4; swimming 1; pep band 1-
 4; Spanish club 1-2; H.O.P.E. club 4
 BENJAMIN SMITH BREWSTER — earth awareness club 1
 4; student 4; German club 1-4; SADD 1-4; soccer 1-4 (cap. 3-4);
 intramural mushball (co-cap. 4); intramural basketball 1-4
 MICHELE LYNN BRIWER — choir 1-3; foreign exchange club
 2; softball 1-4 (co-cap. 4); volleyball 1-4; service learning pro-
 gram 4 (awards committee)
 SOLITAIRE DAWN BRIGGS — band 1-4 (pump champion)
 4; drama club 1-4 (treas. 3, sec. 4); foreign exchange club 2;
 intramural aerobics 1-3; studio band 3

DAVID RYAN BROWN — football 1-4 (co-cap. 4); track 1-3,
 wrestling 3; basketball 1; intramural volleyball 2-4
 ERIC JONATHAN BROWN — academic superbowl 4; foreign
 exchange club 1; jazz ensemble 1-4; math team 1-
 4 (vice-pres. 4); gaming club 1; jazz ensemble 1-4; model U.N. 3;
 SADD 3; basketball 1-2; baseball 1; national
 honor society 3-4
 JESSICA ANN BROWN — choir 1-2; SADD 2; spirit club 3
 STEPHEN C. BROWN — German club 2-4; natural helper 3;
 quiz bowl 3; swimming 2; intramural basketball 3-4
 WILLIAM K. BRUBAKER

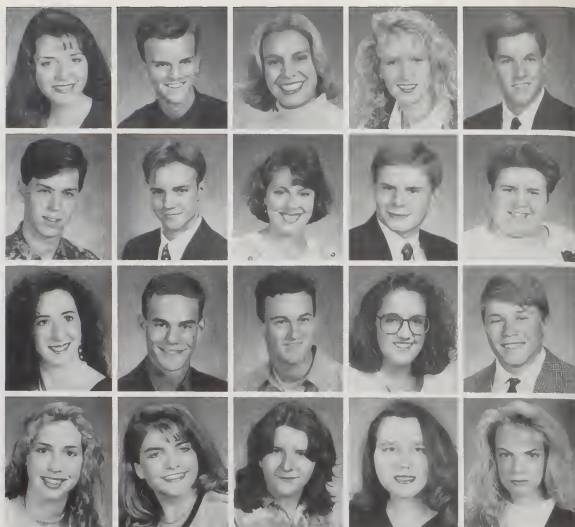
ANDREA JEAN CAPROUS — SADD 4; volleyball 3 (line
 judge)
 JENNIFER SUZANNE CARLBERG — academic superbowl 4;
 earth awareness club 3-4 (sec. 4); foreign exchange club 2-4
 (pres.); track 2-4; intramural volleyball 2-3; national honor soci-
 ety 3-4
 MICHAEL CARLBERG — weightlifting 3-4; swimming 1,
 cross country 3-4; wrestling 2
 SAMUEL DAVID CARLSON — intramural mushball 3
 ERIC M. CARTER — DECA clubs 2-3; SADD 1; intramural bas-
 ketball 1; intramural skiing 2

ERIN ALYSSA CASBON — choir 1-4 (vice-pres. 4); drama club 1-4 (rep. 2-4); French club 3-4; jazz ensemble 3-4; natural helper 4; varsity singers 2-3 (board member 4); studio band 1-2; powder puff football 1-4.
 AARON BENJAMIN CERNY — earth awareness club 2-4; SADD 2-4; intramural volleyball 3-4 (cap. 4); Japanese club 4.
 JESSICA LYNN CHESLEK — foreign exchange club 1-2; natural helper 3; track 2.
 KARA GILLIAN CHRISTIAN — foreign language club 1-2; orchestra 1-4 (vice-pres. 4); SADD 1-2; spirit club 2-4.
 JUDE NATHAN CLOVER — basketball 1-2; tennis 1-4; intramural basketball 3-4; intramural volleyball 2-4.

JASON COFFEY — intramural bowling 3-4.
 BRIAN PATRICK COMERFORD — academic decathlon 2-3; academic super bowl 3; choir 1-3; class officer 1; foreign exchange club 4; gaming club 3; math team 3-4; quiz bowl 2; SADD 3; spirit club 3; weightlifting 4; diving 2-4; baseball 1-2; football 1; track 4.
 MAUREEN ANNE CONNOR — intramural basketball 4; intramural services 1-2; powder puff football 2-4.
 LANCE WILLIAM CORKWELL — German club 1-3; basketball 1; football 1-3; intramural basketball 2-4.
 ALICE MARIE CORNEIL

CYNTHIA MAE CROWLEY — band 1-4 (property officer 4); jazz ensemble 1-4; natural helper 4.
 STEVEN A. CUSON — soccer 2-4.
 JASON WILLIAM DALY — basketball 1-4; baseball 1-3; football 1-2.
 STEPHANIE ELIZABETH DALY — French club 3-4.
 CHRIS E. DEAL — SADD 3-4; weightlifting 2-3; track 2-4; wrestling 3; intramural tennis 1; intramural basketball 1-4; intramural volleyball 3-4; intramural softball 3.

ADRIANA CRISTINA DECKER — foreign exchange student from Uruguay; academic super bowl 4; band 1-3; choir 1-3; class officer 1-3; foreign exchange club 4; jazz ensemble 4; HOPE club 4; Spanish club 4; speech team 1-4; national honor society 3-4.
 CARRIE NICOLE DEDRICK — cheerleading 3; choir 1; sophomore class secretary; drama club 1; SADD 2; spirit club 3; student council 2-3; vikettes 1-2.
 JOHN CRAIG DEMASS
 STEPHANIE MARIE DEMKOWICZ — band 1-4; choir 1-2; drama club 1-2; earth awareness club 3-4; foreign exchange club 3; SADD 3; art club 3-4; pep band 2-3.
 RENEE IRENE DEMONJA



honors change

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For many years, graduation day held traditions as deeply rooted as fireworks on the fourth of July, candy on Halloween, and snow in Valparaiso during Spring Break. While all other traditions remained constant, drastic changes occurred in the recognition of the graduating seniors.

The Class of 1993 marked the first time the Valedictorian and Salutatorian were no longer recognized. Instead, a group of academically superior students were recognized as graduating with distinction

in their class.

"We wanted to identify more than two people because we have so many who excelled," said interim principal Jan Bergeson.

After the seven semester G.P.A.'s were tabulated, a committee met to select those who would graduate with distinction. However, the committee only saw the G.P.A. and not the students' names which made the process fair and unbiased, Bergeson said.

Those students graduating with highest distinction were: Marthana Baker, David Hollar, and Kim Porpaiboon.

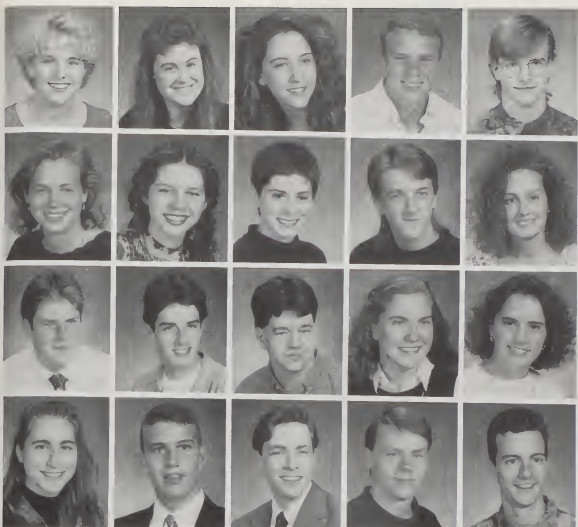
Students graduating with distinction were Katherine Bachman, John Bergeson, Amy Bick-

el, Eric Brown, Mark Germann, Anna Grogg, Kirsten Johnson, Sarahlynn Lester, Karen Mantel, and Ryan McQuillan.

Another difference from the traditional method was that students were no longer recognized by their class rank which eliminated the previous method of recognition of the top 20 with gold tassels. However, Bergeson decided to recognize the top 5 percent of the class with gold tassels at commencement on June 6.

Along with the new addition and a steadily growing student body, the new policies recognizing the graduating seniors reflected the changes in tradition that were evident during the year.





JOYCE ELIZABETH DEROLF — choir 1; earth awareness club 3; natural helper 3; spirit club 1-4; v-teens 4; intramural volleyball 2-4; intramural softball 3-4.
 SHAWNNA KAY DICKSON — cheer 1-4; SADD 1-4.
 MORGAN MARGARET DINGWALL — swimming 1-4; wrestling 1-4; cross country 3-4; football 1.
 ERIC KEITH DOUGLAS
 CLINT RICHARD DOUTHITT — earth awareness club 4; industrial tech 2-4 (sec 4); soccer 2-3.

TENLEY LIAT DRESCHER — French club 4; natural helper 4; spirit club 2; student faculty senate 4; swimming 1; intramural vice pres. 3; pes. 4.
 AMY LYN DREVER — earth awareness club 1-2; foreign exchange club 1; German club 1-2 (treas. 2); viking press 3; art club 1-3.
 CARMEN ROSE DUNIVAN — SADD 4; art club 2-4 (pres. 4); HOPE club (public relations officer 4).
 DON R. DUVAL
 KRISTAL MARIE ECKLEY — foreign exchange club 1; basketball 1; swimming 2-4.

JAMES CULLEN EDGECOMB — quiz bowl 4; soccer 1-2; intramural basketball 1-4.
 ROBERT WILLIAM EDGECOMB
 ERIC EDMOND
 MARGARET ELIZABETH EHLERS — drama club 1-2; academic super bowl 4; earth awareness club 4; orchestra 1-4 (sec/treas. 4); SADD 2-4; swimming and diving 3-4 (mgr.); intramural volleyball 3-4; national honor society 4; hope club 4.
 AMY CHRISTINE EHMANN — foreign exchange club 2; swimming and diving 2-4; gymnastics 2-4.

LAURA KATHLEEN ELIEFF — band 1-4 (property mgr. 4); foreign exchange club 1 (executive board).
 CHRISTIAN ELLSWORTH — model U.N. 3-4; weightlifting 1-4.
 V. LYNN ELMS — intramural tennis 4.
 JAMISON BRUCE EMPEY — choir 1; earth awareness club 2-4; SADD 2-4; intramural softball 3-4 (capt 3-4); intramural volleyball 4; Japanese club 4.
 MICHAEL BRADLEY ENGEL — industrial tech 3-4.



Graduating with highest distinction honors are David Hollar, Kim Porapaiboon, and Marthena Baker. For the first time in VHS history, no valedictorian and salutatorian were named. All graduates with a G.P.A. of 4.0 or higher wore gold tassels at commencement on Sunday, June 6.

Students graduating with distinction are (front row) John Bergeson, Kim Porapaiboon, Karen Mantel, Amy Bickel, Sarahlynn Lester, (second row) Kirsten Johnson, Marthena Baker, Ryan McQuillan, David Hollar, Katie Bachman, (back row) Mark Germann, Eric Brown. Not pictured: Anna Grogg.

daily workout

BETH RUDD: LAYOUT
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You're up in the weight room about to begin your workout. You throw on a 45 pound plate on each side and begin three sets of five repetition. Why bother?

Students stay in shape for many reasons, but the most common is to keep in shape and to improve their self-image.

"I work out just to keep in shape," said senior golfer Chad Wiesjahn, who works out five times a week.

Sometimes students work out for a sport. Senior Steve Jankowski works out during basketball season.

"I workout six to seven times a week to become better, faster, and stronger for the athletics I participate in," said senior track record-holder Chris McChristian.

"I don't want to become large," said Jankowski.

"I encourage my athletes to workout. I think weightlifting is the single best way to stay in shape in the off season," said John Snyder, assistant football and track coach.

Sometimes coaches were the influence students needed to

begin working out.

"My athletes have a workout that I made up that improves their strength," said 15-year track and cross country coaching veteran Debbie Fray.

Although most people just stick to the weight room all the time, there are other ways to stay in good physical condition.

McChristian runs 50 miles a week during cross country season. Seniors Eric Douglas, Jankowski, and Wiesjahn also run at least four times a week at an average of two to four miles throughout the year.

Men weren't the only ones working out and weightlifting to stay in good physical condition. Teen-age girls who were involved in athletics or those who just wanted to tone-up also frequented the weight room or participated in an aerobic program.

"I work out with step Reebok and I lift weights for a better quality of life," said track athlete Keli Yagelski.

Sophomore JoAnne Caporale, a j.v. softball player said, "I make sure that I ran two miles twice a week, eat right, and lift weights daily so I look and feel good."

Whether in the weight room or out on the street running, students agreed the best way to stay in shape is not to get out of shape. □



To get in shape for their sport seasons seniors Steve Jankowski and Chad Wiesjahn alternate lifting and spotting in the weight room above the field house. Weightlifting class was offered as a P.E. option to all students, but athletes maintained their training throughout the year.

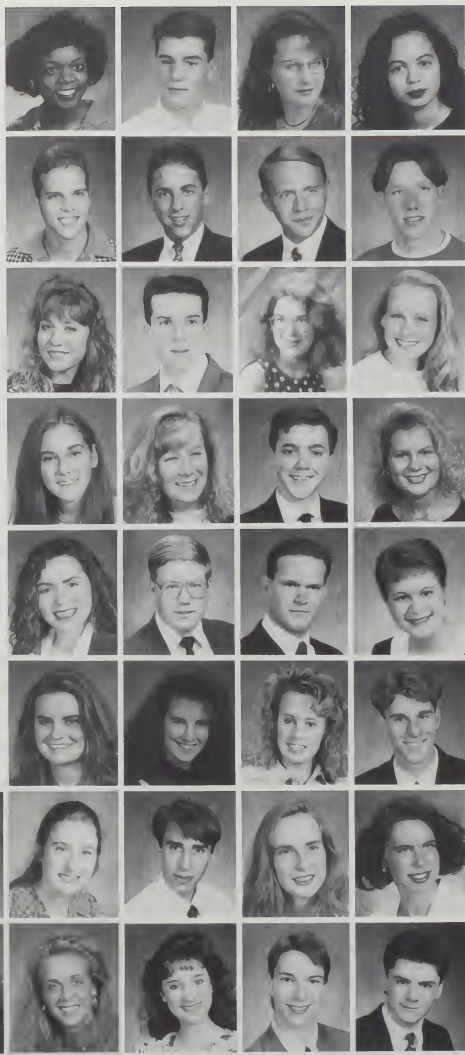
Senior wrestler, Eric Douglas, trains in the weight room to stay in shape throughout the season. His hard work and dedication paid off at the State meet where he placed in the top five. Douglas and other wrestlers are encouraged by Coach John Cook to work out.



SHANNON NICOLE FERGUSON — FEC 1; spirit 1-4; V-teens 1-4; volleyball 1-2; basketball 1; softball 1-4; track 4; intramural volleyball 3-4 (treas.); intramural basketball 2-4; football 2-4 (mgr.); powder puff 3-4.
ERICA LEE FLANAGIN — cheerleading 1-4; French club 3; model U.N. 4; sport club 1-4; intramural aerobics 1-3; intramural volleyball 3-4.
DIANA LEIGH FLEIG — band 1-3; German club 1-4; intramural volleyball 1-4.
JENNIFER LYNN FRAILEY — band 1-3; FEC 1-2; SADD 1-2; swimming 1-4.
BETH ELLEN FREDRICK — intramural aerobics 1-2; football 3-4 (mgr.); track 3 (mgr.).

NATHAN DANIEL FUNK — natural helper 4; V-teens 4; football 1-2; baseball 1; tennis 3.
ROBERT WAYNE FURST — natural helper 4; football 1-3; wrestling 1-3.
JEREMY L. GAGAN — foreign exchange club 1; German club 1; SADD 1; intramural skiing 2.
EVA MARIE GEE
JON DAVID GEISE — German club 1-4; tennis 1-2; 4; track 1-3; intramural volleyball 1-4; intramural tennis 3; national honor society 3-4 (sec).





GLEND A. GEORGE — band 1-2, drama club 1-2, SADD 1, spirit club 2; football (mgr.) 3-4.
 MARK SCOTT GERMANN — foreign exchange club 2-4; model U.N. 4; natural helper 4; soccer 1-4; intramural basketball 1-4; intramural volleyball 4; Spanish club 4.
 RENEE ELYSE GILBERT — band 1-4 (property person); choir 3-4; jazz ensemble 2-4; quiz bowl 3-4; intramural volleyball 2; pep band 1-4.
 REBECCA M. CIMENEZ — academic decathlon 4; model U.N. 3-4; natural helper 4; valenian 1-4; debate 4; quill and scroll 2-4.

TIMOTHY THOMAS GLEASON

MICHAEL B. GOLDMAN — class officer 3 (pres.); natural helper 4; student council 3-4 (vice pres. 4); basketball 1-2; football 1; baseball 1-2; intramural basketball 3-4; intramural volleyball 2-4.

ROBERT DOUGLAS GORINCEN — choir 1-4; football 1; intramural basketball 1-4; baseball (summer league) 2-4.
 RICHARD M. GRAEBER — industrial tech 3; weightlifting 2; football 2-3; track 1; intramural skiing 1; intramural volleyball 2; art club 4.

ANGIE GRANDYS

DAVID ANTHONY GRICHI — industrial tech 4; art club 1-2.
 ANNA CROGG — speech and debate 1-3.
 DAWN MARIE GUARD — band 1-3; cheerleading 2-4; choir 1-3; spirit club 4; track 1-2.

KIMBERLY DAWN HACK

SARAH KATHLEEN HAHN — foreign exchange club 1-2; SADD 3; spirit club 2; Vikettes 1-3; basketball 1 (mgr.) volleyball 2 (mgr.); intramural volleyball 2-4.

DAN PHILIP HAINES — intramural volleyball 2-4.
 JENNIFER LYNN HALL — class officer 4 (tres.); model U.N. 4; natural helper 3-4 (rainbow staff); spirit club 3-4; student council 2-4 (rep.); intramural volleyball 2-4.

MELISSA BETH HANDLEY — band 1-3; French club 3-4 (sec. 3, pres. 4); natural helper 4; student council 2-3 (rep.); volleyball 1-2; debate 2-3; national honor society 4 (vice pres.).

MIKE JAMES HANS — band 1-4.

DAVID PAUL HANSON — earth awareness club 2; FCA 1-4; natural helper 4; SADD 1-3; baseball 1-4; football 1-4 (cpt'n); basketball 1-2; intramural basketball 3-4; intramural tennis 3-4; Japanese club 4 (sec.).

LISA LYNN HARRISON — drama club 2; viking press 2-3 (reporter, copy editor); quill and scroll 3; national honor society 3-4; science olympiad 1, 3-4; Spanish club 4.

STEPHANIE NEAL HAUGH — earth awareness club 2; SADD 2; track 2; intramural volleyball 3-4; intramural aerobics 2-3; Spanish club 4.

AMBER DAWN HAWKINS — choir 1; volleyball 3 (mgr.).

MARIA JUNE HAWKINS — band 1-4 (sec.); orchestra 4 (windy); SADD 3; softball 1-3; intramural basketball 3-4; intramural aerobics 3; Spanish club 4; powder puff 4.

DOUG LEE HAZELGROVE — baseball 1-3; basketball 1; cross-country 1; intramural basketball 2-4.

ERIC MICHAEL HEIMANN

ELIZABETH M. HEINOLD — choir 2-4; drama club 1-3; natural helper 4; SADD 1-2; valenian 4; varsity singers 3-4.

BRIAN MICHAEL HELTON — German club 4.

JENNIFER C. HERSMANN — band 1-4; choir 4; drama club 3; foreign exchange club 1-2; natural helper 4; SADD 1-2; varsity singers 4; track 2-3.

LESLIE KAE HEWLETT — band 1-4; cheerleading 1-4 (cpt'n) 4; French club 3; spirit club 1-4 (tres.); student council 4 (rep.); student faculty senate 4; intramural volleyball 3-4.

HEIDI JANINE HICKMAN — choir 1-4; drama club 3-4; earth awareness club 3; foreign exchange club 3-4; natural helper 4; SADD 3; intramural volleyball 3; Spanish club 4.

WENDY JEAN HICKS — vikettes 1-2; intramural volleyball 2; football 1-3 (mgr.); track 1-2 (mgr.).

TAMARA ERIN HIGER — band 1-4 (asst. drum major 3); jazz ensemble 3; SADD 3; studio band 1-2; Japanese club 4.

JOHN EDWARD HOGG — academic decathlon 4; band 1; gaming club 1-4 (tres.) 1 model U.N. 3-4; quiz bowl 4; swimming 1.

DAVID EDWARD HOLLAR — academic super bowl 1-4; band 1-4; foreign exchange club 1-4; German club 1-4 (sec. 3, vice pres. 4); jazz ensemble 3-4; speech team 1-4; NHS 3-4.

MIGUEL P. HOSKINS

STACEY ELIZABETH HRABOTA — volleyball 1-4 (captain 4), softball 1-4; intramural volleyball 4.
ADRIENNE CAROL HUDSON — intramural volleyball 2; boys basketball 1-4; student athletic trainer.
REBEKAH RUTH HULL — drama club 3; French club 3; orchestra 1-4; powder puff football 1-4; spell bowl 2-4.
D. SHANE IKEDA — DECA 3 (treasurer); weight lifting 4; wrestling 2-4.

SUSANNA JACOBSON — foreign exchange student from Texas; choir 4; foreign exchange club 4; intramural skiing 4; powder puff 4.
STEVEN RAY JANKOWSKI — earth awareness club 4; basketball 1-4.
ANTHONY SCOTT JAREMCZUK — intramural volleyball 1-2; basketball 2.
JULIE JAREMCZUK
ANGELA JO JEFFS — choir 1-4; earth awareness 3-4; SADD 2; student council 1-2; weight lifting 1-2; basketball 1-2; Japanese club 4 (historian); science olympiad 1-4 (co-captain 4); HOPE club 1-2.

MICHAEL EDWARD JESEKIS — wrestling 3-4.
SUSAN R. JESSEN — band 1; DECA 2; foreign exchange club 1-4; valenian 3 (academic editor); track 1-2; intramural aerobics 4.
KIRSTEN NOELLE JOHNSON — French club 4; valenian 2-3 (photographer, index editor); varsity swimming 1-4; NHS 3-4; HOPE 3 (treas. 3, co-pres. 4).
JOSH ALAN JONES — choir 1-4 (sec. 3-4); drama club 1-4 (vice-pres. 3, pres. 4); natural helper 4 (leader); varsity singers 1-4; volleyball 2-3.
MARCUS MORGAN JONES — weight lifting 3-4; basketball 1-2; cross country 1-4; track 1-4; intramural basketball 3-4; intramural bowling 1-4.

MATTHEW BRIAN JONES
DAVE A. JULOVICH — football 1; golf 1; wrestling 1-3; skiing 1-2; art club 1.
BRIAN MATTHEW JURGENSON — natural helper 3-4; weight lifting 3-4.
AMANDA HOPE KALUZY — choir 1; student faculty senate 4 (sec.); viking press 2-4 (editor-in-chief 4); intramural volleyball 3; quill and scroll 3-4.
JIM A. KAZLAUSKI — weight lifting 4; basketball 4; Spanish club 4.

KARL F. KEACH — band 1-4; earth awareness club 3-4 (photographer); glee club 1-2; jazz ensemble 1-3.
SUZETTE KEEN — drama club 3; SADD 3.
JASON KLEER
ADAM MICHAEL KELLOGG — intramural basketball 4; intramural volleyball 4.
BENJAMIN KIM — German Club 1-3; model U.N. 3-4; SADD 1; student council 1-4 (parliamentarian 4); Vileers 4; viking press 2-4; track 1-4; tennis 1-3; NHS 4; king of hearts court 4.

CHARLES R. KIMBLE — football 1-4; swimming 2; track 1.
TRICIA JEAN KINDELBERGER — spirit club 1-3; softball 1; tennis 2.
DOUGLAS AARON KINSEY — academic superbowl 4; earth awareness club 4; German club 2-4; intramural mushball 3.
JUSTIN LARRY KLEMEZ — band 1; earth awareness club 3.
SARAH NAOMI KLETT — band 1-2; class officer 4 (vice-pres.); domestic exchange 2; model U.N. 4; natural helper 3-4 (ranbow staff); student council 1-4 (sec. 3); basketball 1-3 (mgr.); track 2 (mgr.); intramural volleyball 1-4; intramural basketball 4; softball 1.
JOHN ANDREW KOEHLER — foreign exchange club 1-3; intramural bowling 1-3; intramural mushball 3.

JENNY LEE KOMINIAR — choir 1-3; drama club 1; track 1.
TODD MICHAEL KOSTELNIK — cross country 1-4; track 1-4.
JENNIFER MARLENE KOTYS — French club 4; SADD 3; student council 1 (rep.); volleyball 1; track 1; intramural aerobics 1-3.
TRACIE ANN KRASZUK — French club 3-4; spirit club 2; intramural softball 3-4.

JOSHUA KEVAN KRIEGER — foreign exchange club 1-3; German club 3; golf 3.
SARAH KUCK
KIMBERLY R. KUEHL — band 1-4; foreign exchange club 1-2; natural helper 3; SADD 1-2; student council 3-4 (rep.); golf 2-4; basketball 1-4; track 3; softball 4; intramural basketball 1; intramural volleyball 1-4; Spanish club 4.
CHAD STEVEN KULAVICK — football 1-3; track 1-2; intramural volleyball 3-4; intramural softball 2-3.
JENNIFER LAGERSTROM



learning to lead

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Just as the leaves turned color in the fall, every student dreaded one thing as they headed back to school: trying to come up with something to write about on the infamous "What I Did Over Summer Vacation" paper. Nine students, however, had no problem coming up with ideas.

Seniors Marthena Baker, John Bergeson, Chris McChristian, Anna Grogg, David Hanson, Kim Kuehl, Kim Porapaiboon, Nathan Smurdon, and Chase Sorrick were selected to Hoosier Boys' and Girls' State at Indiana State University in Terre Haute.

Hoosier State provides an opportunity for upcoming seniors throughout Indiana to participate in a mock state government for 10

days every summer.

This experience changed attitudes for some participants. "I was never really interested in a political career before this, now, the idea of politics is a lot more appealing," Baker said.

Although the state-wide event was only 10 days long, many of the participants formed lasting friendships.

"I made some great friends that I know I will keep in touch with," Grogg said.

Students were recommended for this opportunity by social studies teachers.

"It was a totally positive experience," McChristian said.

While many students were relaxing this summer, these students had the opportunity to experience how state government works.



Participating in the Girls' and Boys' Hoosier State in the summer of 1992 were (front row) Marthena Baker, Kim Porapaiboon, (back row) David Han-

son, Kim Kuehl and Chris McChristian. Not pictured: John Bergeson, Anna Grogg, Nate Smurdon, and Chase Sorrick.



BRIAN LAIK — Wrestling 1-4
JENNY LYNN LASHBROOK — band 1-4; foreign exchange club 1; basketball 1, track 1, intramural basketball 2-4; intramural volleyball 1-4
MATTHEW ROBERT LAUGHNER — track 4
CHRISTINA LYNN LAYTON — choir 1-2; spirit club 4; violas 1, 3-4; intramural volleyball 3-4
DEREK MICHAEL LEE — earth awareness club 1; industrial tech 2-4; weight lifting 1-4; baseball 2-4; track 4.

ROBERT FRANCIS LEE — DECA 2-4 (treas. 2, vice-pres. 3, pres. 4); football 1; swimming 1-3
SETH WAYNE LEE — academic decathlon 4; foreign exchange club 1; french club 3-4; NHS 3-4
CINDY LYNN LENBURG — band 1-2; choir 1-4; drama club 1-4; jazz ensemble 1; spirit club 1; student council 1
SARAHLYNN PEYTON LESTER — academic decathlon 4; academic super bowl 3; band 1-4; class officer 1; drama club 1; jazz ensemble 1-4; student council 2; volleyball 1; basketball 1; golf 3-4; Spanish club 1-4; NHS 3-4
HEIDI MARIE LETZ — model U.N. 2-4; v-toms 1; valenian 2-4 co-editor 4; whitties 1-4 (squad leader 2-4)

LORI R. LEWIS — natural helper 4; spirit club 1; intramural skiing 1
PALLA ANNE LIBASSI — DECA 4; FCA 1-2; SADD 1-2; volleyball 1-2; softball 1-2; baseball 1-4; intramural basketball 3-4; intramural volleyball 3; intramural mshball 4
RIN SUE LINDHOLM
KRISTIN ANN LLOYD — choir 1-4 (sec. 1); intramural tennis 1-2
JOHANNA MARY LOOFT — foreign exchange club 1; German 1; spirit club 2-3

KATHRYN ANN LOOFT — model U.N. 4; natural helper 4; SADD 2; student council 1-4 (historian 4); v-toms 3-4 (pres. 4); track 1-4; basketball 1-2; cross country 1-3; intramural mshball 2-4; intramural volleyball 2-4; intramural basketball 3-4
DINA JO LOZANO — band 1-4; SADD 2; viking press 3-4; track 1-3; speech 2-3; quill and scroll 3-4
EVA DONEL LUDINGTON — orchestra 1-4
DONALD STEVEN LUKES — SADD 3; viking press 3-4 (sports ed. 3-4) tennis 1-4; intramural volleyball 3-4; intramural basketball 3-4; quill and scroll 1-4; NHS 3-4
DANIELLE LUFRAKA

RACHAEL MARIA MACK — band 1-4; FCA 4; jazz ensemble 2; swimming 1-3; track 2; Japanese club 4
CHRISTINE RAE MAGDALENOS — band 1-2; track 4; intramural skiing 4
LAUREN L. MAHNS — SADD 3; spirit club 3-4 (rep.); student council 1-4 (rep.); girls' basketball 2-3 (mgr.)
RACHELLE JOY MALAYTER — class officer 2-3 (treas.); drama club 1; natural helper 3-4 (rainbow staff); spirit club 3-4; student council 1-4 (sec. 4); v-teams 4; basketball 1; volleyball 1, 1v; volleyball 2; homecoming princess 4
DAVID MALLOCH — football 1; basketball 1; intramural basketball 2

KAREN SUZANNE MANTEL — academic super bowl 4; band 1-3; foreign exchange club 2-3; SADD 2-3; track 2-3; swimming (mgr.) 2-4; national honor society (treas.) 3-4
STEVE LAMAR MANWARING — orchestra 1-4; track 4; Latin club FHS 1-2
BRANDON KYLE MARKETTE
TIMOTHY DOUGLAS MARLER — band 1-4; jazz ensemble 3-4; valenian 3-4 (sports editor 3, student life editor 4); studio band 1-2; Spanish club 4; quail and scroll 3-4
AMANDA MARIE MARQUARDT — foreign exchange club 1; German club 1-2; Model U.N. 4; SADD 2; spirit club 2-4; valenian 3-4 (academics editor); NHS 3-4

KERI ANNE MARRS — earth awareness club 3; FCA 2-3; foreign exchange club 1, 3-4 (v. pres.); German club 1-3; spirit club 1; track 1-2
CARRIE MARTIN
MICHAEL JAMES MARTZ — football 1-4; baseball 1-3; wrestling 1; intramural tennis 4
PATRICK MATHEU — foreign exchange student from Switzerland; foreign exchange club 4; football 4; soccer 4; intramural basketball 4
FRANCES ZENA MAZUR — industrial tech 3 (pres.); model U.N. 3-4; orchestra 1-4 (pres. 4); student faculty senate 4; weightlifting 4; cross country 1; track 1-2-4; Spanish club 4 (pres.)



exploring

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Deciding on a college major is a stressful process for most seniors. However, for some, this problem was solved through "Exploratory Teaching."

The one-semester course is designed to give seniors actual classroom experience before they begin college.

"The first nine weeks we try to zero in on methods that work well," said Dale Ciciora, instructor. "The second nine weeks, each student is assigned an elementary or middle school where he actually teaches a class."

Seniors expressed different reasons for taking the class.

"I wanted to get a good look at what it takes to become a teacher," said senior Bryan Allen.

"I like working with children. It's rewarding to be able to help them," said senior Tamara Breit.

Ciciora said that Exploratory Teaching usually helps students decide if they want to continue in teaching.

"It's a good opportunity to find out your strengths and work on your weaknesses," said senior Sam Carlson.

Taking the class changed students' views about teaching.

"I was surprised at the extent to which teachers go to teach a lesson," Allen said.

"I've learned that it's great even if you only help one student understand one problem. You give that student and yourself the motivation to continue learning," senior Amy Adams said.

While many students may not decide on a major until their sophomore year in college, some made this decision with the opportunities the Exploratory Teaching gave them. □

While enrolled in Exploratory Teaching, senior Sarah Hahn assists in a Northview Elementary classroom. The course was designed for potential teaching majors.





ROBIE LYNN MCADAMS — foreign exchange club 2-4 (sec.), natural helper 4; SADD 3-4; weight lifting 4; Spanish club 4.
CHRIS MCCHRISTIAN
BRENDA L. MCLEERY
AMANDA JOY CHRISTINA MCCORMACK — choir 1-4, drama club 2; foreign exchange club 1-4 (v. pres.); natural helper 3; SADD 2-3; intramural bowling 2
BRANDI LEE MCCOTTER — band 1; powder puff 3-4.

CHRISTINA ANN MCCOY — DECA 4
BRIAN CHARLES MCCURRY — football 1-4; track 1-2; wrestling 1; intramural basketball 2-4; intramural volleyball 2-4.
KRISTI ANN MCKENDRICK — cheerleading 2; intramural volleyball 4.
THOMAS GENE MCKINNEY — band 1-3; German club 1-3; cross country 2; track 1-2; intramural basketball 1-2; studio band 1-2.
RYAN JAMES MCQUILLAN — earth awareness club 2-3; foreign exchange club 2-3; model U.N. 4, natural helper 4; student council 4; weight lifting 4; soccer 1-4; Spanish club 3-4 (sec.).

JAMES A. MEDLEY — basketball 2; baseball 2-3; intramural basketball 3-4; intramural volleyball 4.
MICHELLE L. MEHAY
ANGELA L. METZGER
JAMES R. MEYER
MICHAEL C. MICKA — weight lifting 2-3; baseball 1-2; football 2-3; track 4; intramural basketball 1-4.

KYLE JONATHAN MIKALOFF — baseball 1; football 1.
SHELLEY ANN MISKOWSKI — choir 2.
KRISTA A. MITCHELL — basketball 1; track 1-2; intramural basketball 2.
TIMOTHY M. MOORE — industrial tech 1-4; SADD 1-3; intramural bowling 3; art club 2.

CHRISTIANA ELISE MORTENSEN — choir 2-4; drama club 1-2; earth awareness club 2-4 (tres. 4); foreign exchange club 2-3.
SEAN WILLIAM MUNNELLY — french club 1-3; SADD 2-3; student council 4; soccer 1-4; baseball 1-3; basketball 1-2; intramural basketball 4; national honor society 3-4.
JOHN JOSH MURPHY — basketball 3-4; track 1-4; intramural basketball 3-4; volleyball 4.
SARAH GABRIEL MURPHY — class officer 2 (sec.); natural helper 3-4; student council 1-2; swimming 1; intramural basketball 2-4.

CURTIS JOHN MUSSER — weight lifting 1-4; football 1-4 (capt. 4); wrestling 3; track 2-3; intramural basketball 2.
AMY MICHELLE MUTKA — band 1-3; SADD 1-2; weight lifting 4; volleyball 1-4; track 2-3; intramural volleyball 1; intramural bowling 1; basketball 1; H.O.P.E. club (co-pres.) 3-4.
NAOMI NAKAHARA — foreign exch. student from Japan; foreign exchange club 4; intramural tennis 4; Japanese club 4.
JULIE ANN NEELEY — earth awareness club 2; foreign exchange club 1-2; SADD 1-3; V-teens 2-4; cross country 2-4; track 1-2, 4; intramural aerobics 2-3.

MARK ANDREW NELSON — academic decathlon 1-4; choir 1-3; foreign exchange club 2-4; German club 4; model U.N. 1-4; quiz bowl 2; spirit club 1; varsity singers 1-3; intramural basketball 3-4.
AMY ELIZABETH NEWELL — band 1-4; Spanish club (hist.) 4; studio band 1.
KIMBERLEY SUE NEWTON — choir (pres.) 3-4; SADD 3; student council 1; swimming 1-4; debate team 4.
MICHAEL ROBERT NICHOLAS

PHILIP WILLIAM NICHOLSON — band 1-2; earth awareness club 2-4.
AIKO NISHIDE
CAROLYN NOBLES — band 1-4; drama club 1-2; student council 1; track 3; softball 1; pep band 1-4.
JACALYNE CHRISTINE NOE — DEC 4; SADD 1-2; spirit club 2-3; valedictorian 4.

study hall options

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Many people think the only reason students sign up to be student aides is to roam the school or get out of study halls. However, specific duties and expectations were required of all student aides.

Any student in grades 10-12 with a 2.0 or higher G.P.A. could request a student aide assignment. Locations varied from the Learning Center, bookstore, and main office, to individual teachers.

"Student aides must be responsible," said assistant principal John Hutton, coordinator. "If a student shows he is irresponsible in any way, he is returned to study hall."

When applying for an aide position, students must also

agree to fulfill their duties.

"The bookstore needs a lot of help getting notes delivered and helping customers," said Nancy Brown, bookstore secretary.

Two students were assigned each hour to the bookstore. "Even though we have a lot of work to do in the bookstore, we can talk, listen to the radio, and get to know more teachers," senior Shellie Malayer said.

In the main office students had less time to talk or do their homework, yet they still enjoyed their assignment which included a variety of duties.

"We answer phones, deliver notes, assist visitors and students, and take messages," junior Tricia Hawkins said. "It is still a lot of fun because there are other people working with you and when you are not busy you can talk or do homework."

Main office secretary Pat Higbie said, "The student aides help in a number of ways. They also fax the morning announcements to the Porter County Career Center for our students attending classes there."

The Learning Center depended on two to three student aides every hour.

"We help put current magazines on the shelves and return books to their correct location. We also check out books, magazines, and assist students and teachers in other ways," sophomore Lauren Garcia said.

According to students, advantages of being an aide outnumbered the disadvantages.

"I enjoy the teacher I work for so I actually have fun being a student aide. Even though I have specific duties, I still have time for homework, but I don't have to sit

in a study hall every day," junior Amy Gleason said.

"It's better than study hall because you don't have to sit in one room, and that can get to be tedious," said sophomore Jessica Freitag, an aide for Jerry Hager.

Junior Kara Stark, an attendance office aide, agreed. "I enjoy being an aide because when I don't have any homework there are other things to do such as grade papers or deliver messages," she said.

Teachers and secretaries also found advantages in having student aides. "It keeps me younger working with high school students," Brown said.

Whether students were looking for a learning experience, or an hour to get away from study hall, they knew options were available through the student aid program.

ZACHARY NOVER
HEATHER MARIE OAKES — German club 1-2; SADD 2-3; spirit club 3-4
BRANDON JOHN OELLING
REBECCA LYNN OELLING — drama club 1, French club 4; volleyball 1-4 (varsity mgr.); track 1 (mgr.) wrestling 3 (mgr.); intramural aerobics 4
BILL OLIVER — band 1-4; natural helper 4; Spanish club 4; studio club 1-4

SEAN O'MEARA
LISA MARIE ORCUTT
BRIAN CHARLES OSNER — FCA 4; natural helper (rainbow stall) 4; swimming 1-4; soccer (mgr.) 2-4
TRICIA ANN OSWALD — band 1-4; choir 1-4; drama club 1-2; French club 3; SADD 1-3; varsity singers 3-4
ELIZABETH JANE PALMER — SADD 1-2; spirit club 1, 3-4 (sec. 4) basketball 1, track 1-2; intramural basketball 4; intramural softball 3

LYNNETTE FLORENCE PALMER
JOHN DOMINIC PAMPALONE — class officer 1 (pres.); natural helper 4; SADD 3-4; student council 1-4; student faculty senate 1-2; football 1-2; wrestling 1
NATALIE ANN PAUL — class officer 1-2 (v. pres. 1, pres. 2); natural helper 3; SADD 2-4 spirit club 3-4; student council 1-4 sergeant at arms; V-teens 4; tennis 2; volleyball 1; basketball 1; golf 3-4; intramural volleyball 3-4
KEVIN S. PEDERSEN — DECA 4; track 1-2; football 1-4
SARAH PERKINS — drama club 1-4 (rep. 3); earth awareness club 2-4 (treas.); foreign exchange club 2-3 (board member); German club 2-4 (board member)

ADAM DUANE PERRY — SADD 1-4; football 1; golf 1-2; intramural volleyball 3-4
ROBERT THOMAS PEYTON — foreign exchange club 3-4; gaming club 1-4; German club 1-4; orchestra 1
LARRY PHILLIPS — student council 1; drama club 2-4; foreign exchange club 1-3; SADD 1-2; concert choir 1-4; varsity singers 2-4; orchestra 1-4; natural helper 4; intramural volleyball 2
JOHN PILSITZ
AMY PINKERTON





As a Learning Center student aide, senior Natasha Sapkar's duties range from checking out or shelving books, to answering the telephone.

Opting to assist a teacher rather than stay in a study hall, sophomore Theodora Mason finds more flexibility in her student aide assignment's duties.



SERGIO BARBOSA PINTO — foreign exchange student from Brazil: foreign exchange club 4; weightlifting 4; intramural weightlifting 4.
KIMBERLY LYNN PORAPAIBOON — cheerleading 1-2 (v. capt.); natural helper 3-4; orchestra 1; student council 2-4 (tres.); student faculty senate 2-4 (pres.); V-teens 1-3; cross-country 3-4, track 1-3; national honor society 3-4 (pres.).
JESSICA ANNE POTIS — V-teens 2; hope club 3-4.
JOSHUA C. POTIS — earth awareness club 2.
HARRY G. PRASSAS — band 1-4.

JEFF R. PRECOURT — viking press 3-4; (sports 3; managing editor 4); baseball 1; quill and scroll 3-4; Spanish club 4.
HEATHER DIAN PROSSER — cheerleading 1-3; foreign exchange club 1; French club 3; spirit club 1; intramural volleyball 2-4.
JULIE RAE PUFER — band 1-4; SADD 3-4; spirit club 4; vikettes 3-4; intramural basketball 4; powder puff 4.
TRACI QUINN — vikettes 2-4; Japanese club 4; hope club 3-4 (sec.); track 2.
JENNIFER KAY RACINE — basketball 1; volleyball 1-4; intramural basketball 2-4; intramural volleyball 1.

JEFFERY CHARLES RAFFERTY — earth awareness club 2-3; football 1-4.
AARON THOR RASMUSSEN — FCA 1-3 (tres.); industrial tech club 3; weightlifting 4; football 1; cross country 2-4; basketball 1-4; baseball 1-4.
CHRISTINE NICOLE REA — foreign exchange club 2-3; German club 1-4; natural helper 3; art club 1-2 (tres. 1, sec. 2).
SCOTT A. REICHERT — math team 3; intramural basketball 2-4; intramural volleyball 3.
ROBERT CARLTON REID — industrial tech 2; VICA clubs 4.

STUART PATRICK REILLY — natural helper 4; student council 4; wooding 2; football 1; basketball 1; intramural volleyball 2; intramural basketball 3; king of hearts court 4.
SUSAN JANE MCKIBBIN RICH — SADD 1-4; swimming 1-4; Spanish club 4; science olympiad 4; debate team 1-4; speech team 1-4.
JAMES STIRLING RICKARDS — band 1; earth awareness club 1-3 (v. pres.); foreign exchange club 3; industrial tech 3; model U.N.; natural helper 4; weightlifting 1-4; tennis 1-2; track 1-2; junior achievement 1-2 (v. pres.).
ANDREW NICHOLAS RICKMAN — natural helper 3-4 (trainbow staff); student council 3-4 (pres. 4); track 1-2; basketball 1-2.
CHRIS RILEY — intramural volleyball 3.

JEFFREY P. RILEY
MICHAEL F. RIVERA — art club 1
MICHELLE LYNN RIVERA — drama club 1, SADD 4; spirit club 4; powder puff 3-4
ERIC DWYANE ROBINSON — v-teens 4; weightlifting 1-4; football 2-3; wrestling 2; track 1, Spanish club 4
VICKI LYNN ROBINSON — FEC 1; SADD 1-2; volleyball 1, intramural volleyball 1

CORY ROGERS

JAMIE KATHLEEN ROOF — band 1-4, SADD 1; spirit club 1-2; track 1-2; intramural volleyball 2-3; intramural skiing 1; powder puff 2-4
CHRISTINA IDAMAY ROSADO — choir 1-4; drama club 1-4; natural helper 4; SADD 3; variety singers 2-4; track 1
HOLLY JEAN ROSENBAUM — and 1-4 (joint chairman 4); jazz ensemble 4; natural helper 4; intramural basketball 3; intramural volleyball 3-4; snafu band 3
ALAN RYAN ROSOLOWSKI



responsibilities change

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After four mind-boggling years of high school, graduates discovered leaving home meant assuming some unwanted tasks ... doing your own laundry.

Most high school students rely on their mothers to take care of the laundry for them their entire lives. However, after graduates leave home for college, the military, or their own apartment, they found out why they will miss their mothers the most.

Since the beginning of time, the traditional role of women in society has been to stay home, cook, clean, and take care of her family, so it was no big surprise that most females don't have problems when they move away from home. Guys, on the other hand, may find some difficulties.

"I have to stay pretty close so I can bring my laundry home," said senior Jeff Precourt, who will be attending Purdue University in West Lafayette.

Most seniors were forced to learn how to do their laundry in order to survive on their own.

"Right at this moment I am not a prolific washer, but with some hard work and dedication this summer, I hope to become one," said senior Sean Munnely.

On the other hand, there were also some students who could

still live their lives without ever having to see the washing machine.

"My mother is going to do my laundry for me until I get married, and then my wife is going to do it," senior Rob Furst said.

Most guys argued that they liked the idea of someone else doing things for them.

"I'll have to do it in college because no one will be there to do it for me," said senior John Geise, who doesn't do his now.

While it was primarily the guys who didn't know the first thing about doing their laundry, some girls also admitted that they would be coming home with a bag full of dirty clothes.

"I've never done my laundry before, so why should I start now? My mother agreed to do it once a month if I pay her a little," a senior girl said.

Although graduation is supposed to be a new beginning for all students, some may have problems starting off with a clean slate without a little help from their mothers. With some basic instruction before leaving home, however, graduates can easily prevent accidentally turning their white sweatshirts tie-dyed red. □

Learning to do his own laundry, senior Jeff Precourt prepares for the house-keeping skills he needs before leaving for college.





LISA ANN ROSOLOWSKI — FEC 1; SADD 1;
SAMIT ROY — basketball 1; intramural basketball 4; intramural volleyball 4
BETHANY MARIE RUDD — FEC 3-4 (treas.); German club 3-4; French club 3-4; orchestra 1-3; valenian 4 (album editor 4); NHS 3-4; volleyball 1; softball 2; speech and debate (executive council 4)
CARMEN RUE — South Central H.S. 1-3; German club 2; Spanish club 1-2
KELLY SUE SANDERS

ARMANDO V. SANTIAGO — FEC 4 (board 4); German club 4; Spanish club 3-4 (treas.); NHS 4
NATASHA DIMCE SAPKAR — drama club 1-3; FEC 1-4; French club 3-4
PETER LAWRENCE SARAFIN — EAC 2; gaming club 2; model u.n. 3-4; student council 1; football 2-4; intramural basketball 4; intramural volleyball 3-4; king of hearts court 4
PETER TYSON SATTLER — ECA 1; German club 1-3; student council 1; football 1-3; swimming 1-4 (captain 4); track 1-4; Hoosier boys' state 3
JENNIFER LYNN SAUSMAN — choir 1-2; cross country 1-2; track 1-2-4; Hoosier spell bowl 4; art club 4

DANIEL EDWARD SCHLYER — orchestra 1-2; football 1; wrestling 1
JENNIFER LYNN SCHNIRRING — basketball 1-2; golf 1-4
KARA LYNN SCHULTHEIS — band 1-4; orchestra 1-2
KRISTA LYNN SCHWUCHOW — cheerleading 1; class officer 1-2 (secretary 1-2); FEC 1-2; spirit club 1-2; student council 1-2 (secretary 1-2); volleyball 1-2; track 1-2; intramural volleyball 4

PAUL ERIC SEAMON — baseball 1-4; football 1; tennis 2; Japanese club 4
KRIS ALLEN SEELY — German club 2-4
KARL LYNN SEPICKOWSKI — FEC 1, natural helper 3; spirit club 4; v-teens 4; intramural volleyball 3-4; intramural basketball 4; intramural mushball 3
GREG A. SERFATY — soccer 4; tennis 4; art club 4

MICHELLE MARIE SHAVER — drama club 2; FEC 2-4 (historian 4); orchestra 1-2; volleyball 2-3; softball 4; intramural aerobic 4; powder puff 3
CAMERON SHEARHOD — industrial tech. 4; intramural volleyball 1-4
LISA ANN SILVER — natural helper 4; SADD 3; student council 1-4; swimming 1; basketball 1; intramural basketball 2-3; intramural tennis 3; prom court 3; homecoming court 4; powder puff 4
TEENA MARIE SIMPSON — FEC 1-2; SADD 1-2; spirit club 1; basketball 1; powder puff 1-3

JAMEY PAUL SKINNER — SADD 1-4; weightlifting 1-4; football 1-3; track 1-2-4; wrestling 1; intramural basketball 4; intramural volleyball 3-4
DANIEL TROY SMICZEK — intramural volleyball 4; Spanish club 4
DANIEL SMITH
JENNIFER KATHLEEN SMITH — FEC 2; SADD 2-3; powder puff 4

LAURA SUZANNE SMITH — choir 1-4 (vice-president 4); drama club 2-4; German club 2; varsity singers 2-4; speech and debate 3; NHS 4
NATHAN BRENT SMURDON — ECA 3-4; French club 3-4; weightlifting 3-4; cross-country 1-4; track 1-4; boys' state 3
DAVID ARMAN SOLEYMANI — EAC 3; German club 1-4; model U.N. 3-4; natural helper 4; tennis 1-4; intramural volleyball 3-4; intramural basketball 4
CHASE ROWLAND SORICK — EAC 4; natural helper 4; basketball 1-3; intramural basketball 4; intramural tennis 2-4; Hoosier boys' state 3

JOE W. SPENCER
KIMBERLY S. STAMMEL — band 1; model u.n. 3; student council 2; swimming 1-4 (captain 4); intramural volleyball 3; NHS 3-4
TAMMY MARIE STANDFORD — drama club 1; French club 3-4; SADD 1
SHONDA M. STEELE — SADD 1-2; Spanish club 1-2

STEFFANY STEELE — class officer 1-2 (sec. 1, tres. 2); model U.N. 4; natural helper 4; spirit club 4; student council 1-4 (tres. sec.), veecons 3-4 (publicity chair, 4); cross country 1-2; basketball 1-2; intramural basketball 3-4; intramural volleyball 3-4.
MICHAEL RUDOLPH STEFFEN — drama club 1; natural helper 4; swimming and diving 2-4; king of hearts court 4.
KRISTINE LEE STEPHAN — choir 1; spirit club 2-3; intramural skunk 1-2.
JAMEY STONERBAKER
JOE MATTHEW SUTCH — wrestling 1-3.
STEVE R. SUMMERFORD — football 1; wrestling 1-3.

ROBERT JASON SWINEHART — model U.N. 3-4; golf 2-4; intramural tennis 4; art club 2; speech 2-3.
IAN F. SWOPE — intramural volleyball 1; art club 2-4.
ROGER TATUM
JAMI LYNN TAYLOR — SADD 2-3; spirit club 2; v-teams 4; basketball 1; intramural basketball 3-4; intramural volleyball 4; intramural mushball 3-4; intramural tennis 3; intramural aerobics 2-3; football mgr 1-2; track mang. 1-2.
LAURA JO THOMAS — band 1-4; track 1.
LAURA MARIE TIMPSON — Washington Twp. school 1-3; academic superowl 1-2; band 1-2; choir 1-2; German club 1-2; SADD 1-2.

SHAWN TRAWINSKI
KYLE L. TREBLE
MELISSA JEANINE TROTT — band 1-4; German club 1-4; spirit club 4; intramural volleyball 2-3.
MARY ANN TROUP — choir 1-4; track 1.
ANNA ELIZABETH TRUITT — intramural mushball 3-4; intramural volleyball 4.
JOSEPH KELLY UHER — weightlifting 1-4; football 2-4 (co-captain 4); baseball 1-2; track 3; intramural basketball 2-4.

SAM F. UPTHEGROVE
AARON PETER VAGELATOS — intramural bowling 1-2; Spanish club 4.
SCOTT A. VANCELEER — wrestling 1.
DOUGLAS JAMES VANWIENEN — German club 2-3 (v-pres. 3); president 4; industrial tech. 3-4 (president 4); intramural basketball 2-4.
EMILY CATHERINE VILLARREAL — band 1-3; SADD 2; volleyball 1; intramural volleyball 1-4; intramural basketball 2-4.
NICHOLAS C. VORKAPICH — EAC 4; industrial tech. 4; swimming 1-4.

AMANDA RHEA WALKER — class officer (v-pres. 1); drama club 1-4; German club 1-4; SADD 1-2; art club 1-2.
JENNIFER L. WARD — weightlifting 4; basketball 1-4; volleyball 1-2; track 1-4; intramural volleyball 3-4.
TIMOTHY JOSEPH WASEMANN — gaming club 2-4 (vice pres. 3-4); art club 3-4.
DANIELLE LYNETTE WASY — basketball 1; intramural volleyball 2-4; intramural basketball 3-4; intramural mushball 4.
CRAIG VINCENT WATHEN — band 1-2; FEC 2; SADD 2-4; spirit club 4; weightlifting 3-4; soccer 1-4; intramural basketball 1.
KELLY DANIELLE WEBB — SADD 1-2; spirit club 2; powder puff 3-4.

JONATHAN J. WEBER
MICHAEL EDWARD WEBER — band 1-4; jazz ensemble 1-4; natural helper 4; viking press 4 (computer/systems editor 4); studio band 1-2.
ANGELA WHITE
MEGANA MAUREN WHITE — choir 1-4 (president 2); drama club 1; EAC 2-4 (secretary 3, president 4); science olympiad 4.
JENNIFER LYNN WHITED
CHAD JEREMY WIESJAHN — EAC 4; natural helper 4; football 2; basketball 1-3; golf 1-4; intramural basketball 4; intramural volleyball 3-4; intramural tennis 4; intramural golf 4.

BRYAN KENNETH WILES — EAC 2-4; orchestra 1; VICA 4; wrestling 1-2.
JOHN B. WILHELM
JASON A. WILKERSON
JAYSON CARL WILL — band 1-4; jazz ensemble 2-3.
SCOTT E. WILLIAMS
ERIC A. WILSON — weightlifting 2-4; wrestling 2-4; cross country 2-4.

RACHEL OLIVIA WOLFE
TIMOTHY ANDREW WOODS — EAC 1-3; FCA 1-3; SADD 1-3; spirit club 1-3; art club 1-3.
LOBBIE MARIE WOODYARD — cheerleading 3-4; spirit club 3-4.
ERIN WORTHINGTON
JOHN WRIGHT
AMY MICHELLE ZULICH — band 1-4; jazz ensemble 1-2; natural helper 3-4; NHS 3-4.



earning merit

JACKI HERRON/BETH RUDD: LAYOUT
CHARLOTTE SARVER: COPY

As students begin their senior year many breathe a sigh of relief since three years are behind them, and in only nine months they'll be finished with high school forever. But their biggest task still looms ahead of them: applying to colleges and universities.

Preparing for college can be complicated, but seven seniors received an award that made college application a little easier.

Chosen by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) as finalists were Katherine Bachman daughter of James and Susan Bachman; Eric Brown, son of Michael and Mary Brown; Anna Grogg daughter of Lee and Phyllis

Grogg; David Hollar, son of Douglas and Judy Hollar.

Also selected were Ben Kim, son of Hee Seork and Youn Hwa; Douglas Kinsey, son of Michael and Lynn Kinsey; and Amy Pinkerton, daughter of John and Jane Pinkerton.

Every year 15,000 students are chosen nationwide as semi-finalists by their scores on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) taken their junior year. Students had to score in the top half of one percent on the PSAT test to qualify.

The percentages were taken from a standardized test "selection index" which was based on the sum of twice the verbal score added to the math score.

In order to become a finalist,

each student filled out an application which included an essay, a recommendation, and information on their high school performance.

Less than 50 percent of the finalists receive scholarships based on the honor. Even if they don't receive scholarships, students said they were many advantages to being a finalist.

"I've received a lot more attention from colleges after being named a semi-finalist," said Hollar.

"Colleges want you more and are willing to offer you more financial aid," said Bachman.

Although many finalists hadn't chosen a college or major yet, when they were named in the fall they felt this award made the selection process much easier. □

Named National Merit Semifinalists based on their PSAT scores were (front) Amy Pinkerton, Ben Kim, (back) Katie Bachman, Eric Brown, and David Hollar. Not pictured: Anna Grogg and Doug Kinsey.



Agac Astota
Mait Albrect
San Allie
Heather Allen
Aaron Almus
Juliane Anderson
Sean Anderson

Shannon Anderson
Terrence Anderson
Scott Anteliner
Nathan Annen
Tom Ard
Scott Armedariz
Christie Armstrong

Marie Arndt
John Ashbaugh
Benjamin Austin
Jessica Balemine
Kelli Barnes
Wilbur Barrick
Paula Becerra

Amanda Beckwith
Chad Beile
Jeremiah Benham
Michelle Benquist
Tim Bernhardt
Nicole Biggs
Nick Bilunas

Michael Bishop
Tim Bishop
Adam Blackman
Neil Blackman
Matthew Blackie
Greg Blomberg
Jamie Bluhm

Andy Bol
George Bollhorst
Cynthia Bontrager
Fredrick Bowman
Chad Braggs
Jeff Brandy
Rachel Brantley

Stephanie Breit
Kristine Brennan
Kris Bretlich
Eric Brown
Kimberly Brown
Lindsay Brown
Sara Brown

April Buchanan
Paul Bullard
Amber Burdette
Anthony Burke
Mark Burnison
Kelly Bush
Michael Busto

Steve Calloway
Brandie Campbell
Mandie Campbell
Amy Cannon
Mike Carrasco
Tony Cavanaugh
Todd Cerdz

Bruce Chaffee
Michelle Child
Tony Choate
Kelli Cleary
Ellen Clifford
Sara Cline
Jessica Cline

Scott Closs
Brandon Cochran
Matthew Collins
Thomas Collins
Kevin Comerford
Brian Comstock
Sarah Coons





Tarah Coons
Daniel Corley
Amy Connell
Kim Cotton
Kim Cottrell
Rebecca Covington
Tiffany Cox

Joshua Craig
Jeremy Crawford
Sarah Craycraft
Lara Criss
Pamela Crissman
Shara Crowe
James Cruikshank

Tony Cummins
Daniel Cuson
Michele Dabrowski
Michael Dabner
Meghan Davies
Stacey Davies
Louis Defelle

Megan Degruft
Susan Deluna
Jennifer Dennen
Bob Deu
Michael Dewell
Jennifer Dopp
Joey Doppler

class focuses on prom

JACKI HERRON;
LAYOUT/COPY

Most students would hardly guess that a three-hour dance would take all year to arrange. However, for the junior class officers, the entire year was centered around Prom.

President Mike Bishop, vice president Tom Collins, secretary Michelle Pappas, and Treasurer Chris Marsch organized the process. Working with the officers to plan fundraisers and activities were sponsors Mara Fiegle-Hicks and Rhonda Yelton.

"It was a lot of hard work getting the students involved," Pappas said.

Fundraisers, including bake sales, compatibility test done in homeroom, as well as ticket sales for the dance helped finance Prom, which cost approximately \$2,000.

The theme for the May 14 Prom, "Timeless Night" was chosen by the junior class. To further express this idea was a collage of time periods: 20's, 50's,

70's, and the future, which decorated the Expo Center.

Junior parents coordinated post prom, "European Cruise," at the VU Union. They were responsible for the food, entertainment, and decorations, which included baby pictures of the seniors and passports for all who attended.

As members of student Council, each officer also was involved in other activities besides Prom. These included the Christmas dance, food and gift drives, Christmas in April, as well as all homecoming activities.

The first major activity the junior float for the homecoming parade."

"We had a lot better turn out than last year. Hopefully there will be even more our senior year," said Marsch.

Junior class officers had practiced organizing the Christmas Dance before Prom.

"The Christmas Dance helped us get ready for Prom. It allowed us to see how well we work together as a team," Pappas said.

Student Council met every Thursday and at other designated times for other committees.

Junior officers set their own meeting time, which became more frequent during the months before Prom.

Without the officers to lead the way. Prom as well as other activities wouldn't have worked so smoothly. □



Coordinating all plans for Prom are junior class officers Michelle Pappas, secretary; Mike Bishop, president; and Chris Marsch, treasurer. Not pictured is Tom Collins, vice president. Junior parents organized Post-Prom.



Juniors compete against members of all three classes in class competition during homecoming week. The Class of '94 also entered a float in the parade, and had a cheer block in the basketball sectional pep rally.

traffic

JACKI HERRON: LAYOUT
CHARLOTTE SARVER: COPY

To many, driving is a privilege but to others, it can be a pain because of the insurance and money, not to mention the risk of car accidents.

Carelessness, weather conditions, and inexperience are among many of the things that cause car accidents. An animal was the cause of junior Steve Dunne's accident last May.

"I was driving down a gravel road playing with a radio. When I looked up, a woodchuck was

standing in the middle of the road, so I swerved," said Dunne.

Accidents can still occur even if you're not driving. Junior Sara Brown was riding with a friend when she was involved in an accident at a stop light last August.

Her friend mistook one driver's hazard lights for a turn signal, and turned in front of him.

Brown tore a lower back muscle as a result of the accident.

"A lot of people are careless because they don't think they can get into car accidents, but they can," said Brown. □



Crystal Drake
Tennille Drake
Bryce Drew
Nathan Duke
Cory Dulcis
Matthew Duncan
Stephen Dunne

Joseph Eckert
Jennifer Edmond
Julie Edwards
Ann Ehlers
Allison Eichorn
Ryan Endelac
Molly Erman

Jennifer Euace
Emily Evans
John Evans
Kathryn Evans
Chrissy Farnum
Marie Fattore
Hope Fiore

Nathan Finding
Robert Finley
Angela Fisher
Erin Fitzgerald
Melissa Fitzgerald
Timothy Fleming
Michael Folis

Megan Forker
Laurie Fortunak
Eric Frank
Liberty Friedline
Kelly Galbraith
Kimberly Gannon

Joseph Garcia
Chad Garrard
Jennifer Garrard
Kelly Gerstenberger
Brahm Ghuman
Stanley Giesler
Julie Gill



Due to construction on the school's north side, entering and exiting the parking lot caused daily problems. Student parking was limited to behind the fieldhouse.

While the Valparaiso Police Department directed traffic in the morning, aides patrolled the parking lot after school monitoring the flow of out-going vehicles.



Mark Gingrich
Amy Gleason
Taryn Goffney
Tiffany Galle
Amy Gonzales
Jennifer Food
Jennifer Goodrich

Anna Gratz
Jolina Graves
Eloise Green
Erin Griffin
Steve Griffin
Amanda Hager
Sean Hale

Kevin Haley
Craig Haltom
Aaron Hanchar
Stacey Handlon
James Haslon
Catherine Hansen
Lindsay Hanson
Rachel Harrigan

Adrienne Harris
Anne Harrison
Matthew Hasier
Ryan Hauber
Patricia Hawkins
Kimberly Hays

Gloria Headley
Erika Hengstler
Leica Herr
Jacquelyn Herron
Bryan Hess
Jennifer Hogg
Lauri Hollenbeck

Caroline Hollett
Benjamin Hollerhoff
Michael Homan
Jamie Hornbeak
Sachiko Hosoya
Tami Howard
William Howe

Anthony Hudgins
Charles Huff
Douglas Hughes
Todd Hughes
Edward Hussey
Ingrid Hyle

Erik Iverson
Chris Jackovich
Scott Jacobs
Nancy Jacobsen
Nicole Janda
Jason Janke

Aimee Jarvis
Annie Jasnic
Jamie Jeppesen
Brad Johnson
Jason Johnson
Mindy Johnson

Jason Jones
Steven Jorwiak
Jason Justak
Shannon Kahot
Chris Kalleth
Tori Karpenko

Ginger Kautz
Shawn Kawicki
Sam Kekesi
Charles Kiernan
Jason King
Tammy Kissinger

Neil Klopsch
Ryan Knauff
Amy Kobe
Aaron Kochar
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Catherine Koskey

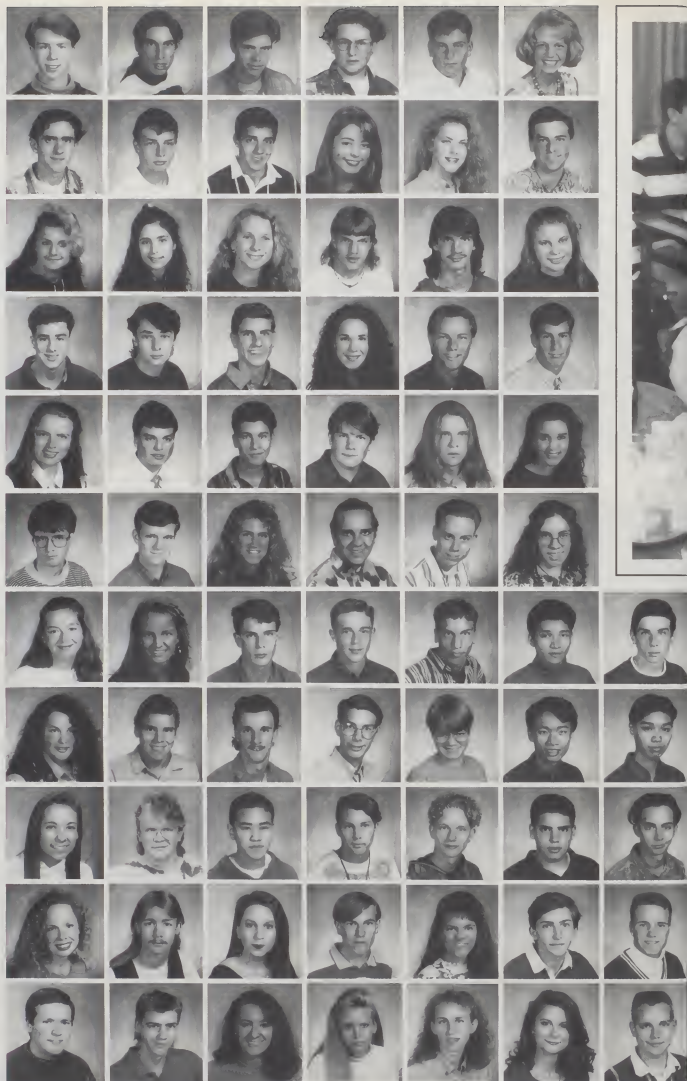
Kim Krawczyk
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Joshua Krueger
Bret Kutansky
Michael Kwitkowski
Thanh Lai
Matt Lamb

Courtney Lambert
Michael Lammerin
Keith Lansdowne
Adam Laws
Erika Lee
Paul Lee
Raymond Lee

Heddi Leib
John Light
Hilehto Lin
Scott Listman
Travis Little
Joe Luciano
Zach Luskey

Jennifer Lute
Jeff Lynn
Rachel Mache
Joel Machiela
Amanda Mackanos
Brett Maesch
Erik Makowiecki

Zachary Malasto
Jeremy Maple
Christine March
Erin Martin
Michelle Martin
Amber Maul
Travis McCormack



brunch

CHARLOTTE SARVER: LAYOUT
RYAN BRUCE: COPY

Midmorning at 10:20 a.m. usually is the perfect time for pancakes, bacon, eggs, toast, and orange juice. But, by then, students in 4th hour lunch have already dug into pizza and burgers.

Because the enrollment continued to grow, fifth lunch period was added during 4th hour, extending the time for lunch from 10:20-12:40.

"We have 1900 students and our cafeteria, could not accommodate the 500 students during four 25-minute periods," said acting principal Jan Bergeson.

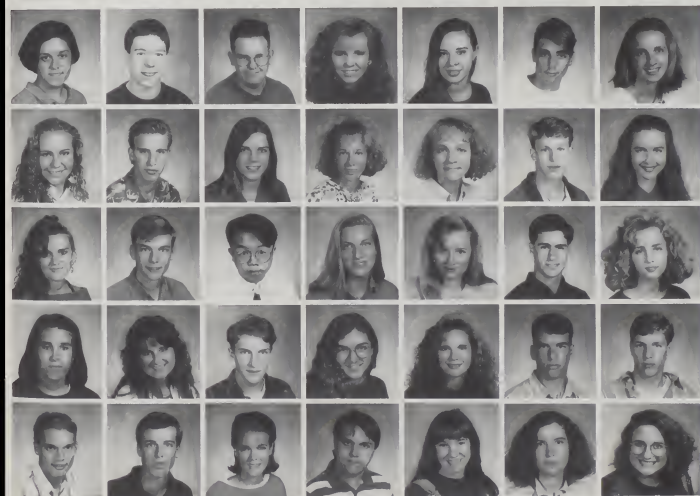
Junior Tom Phillips eats during the new fourth hour lunch. A fifth lunch period was added, extending the time from 10:20 a.m. to 12:40 p.m.

Although the new lunch period afforded a more balanced meal service, not all students were in favor of this change.

"Those of us that have after-school activities suffer because we are not allowed to have a span between breakfast and lunch, but have too long a time before eating a nutritious dinner meal," said senior Mark Jones.

According to Bergeson, a revised meal schedule will be instituted next year because of the addition, and an enlarged cafeteria. There will be three lunch hours, eliminating split classes during the 4th, 6th, and 8th periods.

This revised system will satisfy the needs of the increased enrollment, and will eliminate the need to serve "brunch." □



Margaret McGough
Cary McKim
Christian McMeans
Amy McQuinn
Jennifer Medley
Rob Mico
Jolene Miller

Kelly Miner
Doug Mitchell
Natalia Mitchener
Mary Mohr
Andrei Molchan
Matt Moore
Andrea Morris

Mary Morris
Brandon Moseley
Kenneth Moy
Jodie Mroz
Dana Muhleman
Michael Murphy
Megan Neil

Stephanie Nelson
Angela Nicholas
Joshua Neidner
Sunny Nixon
Victoria Northcott
Mike O'Keefe
Jason Omo

Michael Ondrovich
Alexander O'Neill
Dominique O'Neill
John Onito
Erin Oser
Laura Owens
Jessica Pacholke

Matt Papachronis
Michelle Pappas
Ireneya Pauley
Neha Pathak
Brenda Patterson
Kristina Paulunas
Heather Paulson

Eric Pearson
Matthew Peck
Courtney Pera
Lonnie Perkins
Ray Perkins
Stacy Perrine
Jeffrey Perry

Christine Phillips
Karen Phillips
Tom Phillips
Valerie Pihl
Travis Pierce
Aaron Pierson
Alison Pilgrim

Steven Pilot
Thomas Pilot
Emily Pinkerton
Michelle Pio
Robert Platipodis
Joseph Pollaro
Keith Porapaloon

Josh Porch
Tiffany Porch
Tara Potti
Kimberly Powell
Angela Prucinsky
John Paul Puglisi
Michael Pulido



tattoos top fashion list

CRISTAL CHOO-KANG:
LAYOUT
MARIE FATTORE: COPY

Tattoos have long been considered the trademark of rebellion. Hell's Angels and drunk sailors have incessantly been labeled as typical patrons of tattoo parlors. In the 90's, however, people with tattoos have become anything but typical.

Tattoos, or body art, have come a long way since Popeye first flexed his biceps for Olive Oyl and the little guy on "Fantasy Island" yelled, "Da plane! Da plane!" More and more people who would never have been suspected of having tattoos are turning up with them in some very interesting places.

Senior Teena Simpson decided to have a devil tattooed on her hip. For her, this was a nat-

ural choice.

"I liked the design, and I think tattoos are a great way to accessorize your body," Simpson said.

Another junior, Lonnie Perkins, sports a sun with a moon in it surrounded by stardust on his chest. Perkins wanted a tattoo for a long time but had trouble choosing a design.

"I got the outline of my tattoo in the beginning of the school year, but just got it finished in December," he said.

One of Perkins' friends started the tattoo for him, but he had it finished professionally at Roy Boy's Place in Gary.

Sophomore Chris Holst has also acquired some of his 16 tattoos at Roy Boy's Place. Holst started getting tattoos at the age of 15 and is still getting more to this date. Some of his designs

include four skulls, two snakes, a Tasmanian Devil, the Grim Reaper, and various forms of Japanese writing and symbols.

Holst said that when his parents found out that he had gotten tattooed, they were not upset at all.

They (his parents) really didn't say anything because most of my family has tattoos," Holst said.

Not everyone's parents were quite that agreeable, however.

When senior Christy Rea's parents discovered the three flowers entangled with vines that had been tattooed on the back of her left shoulder, they were less than thrilled.

"They weren't the happiest people in the world when they saw it. In fact, they were quite angry," Rea said.

Sensing that her parents

would also not be amused by her tattoo, Simpson has yet to let her parents find out about her little devil tattoo.

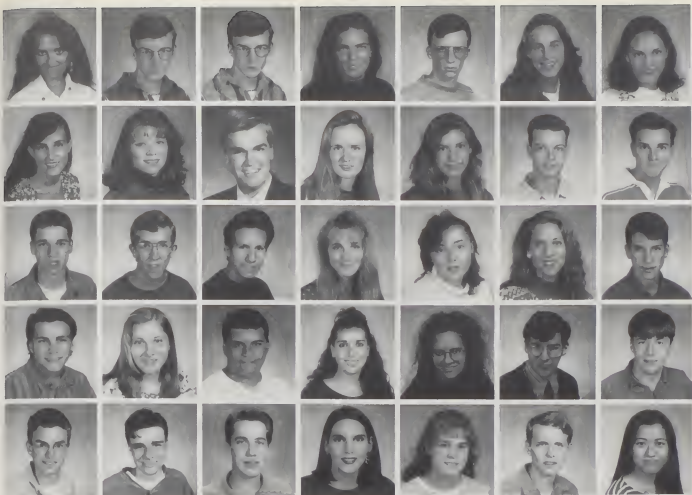
Tattooed students have mixed feelings on whether or not their tattoos change peoples' opinions about them.

Perkins feels that his tattoo does not really affect anyone's perception of him, but Holst disagrees.

"I think that a lot of people look down on me because I have tattoos," Holst said.

All four agree though that they do not envision their tattoos damaging them later in life.

"I don't think it will affect my career because it (the tattoo) won't be able to be seen. Besides, if I can wear a tank top, and it will show, then it probably won't matter to them that I have a tattoo anyway," Rae said.



Yolanda Purcell
Matthew Putman
Sean Putman
Brandy Quick
Brandon Quinn
Janis Rau
Rebecca Reichart

Kelly Reilly
Amy Reuter
Tim Keybook
Malinda Reynolds
Jennifer Richmond
James Riley
Michael Roach

Frank Rocchio
Ryan Rochester
Jason Rodime
Amber Rogers
Tonya Rogers
Leslie Roper
Michael Roszkowski

Brian Rush
Carrie Sabinske
Ferasa Safadi
Susan Saleh
Heather Samansky
Clint Sandlin
Nathan Sarver

Jeff Schenck
Jason Schieser
Justin Schmidt
Kristen Schmidt
Emily Schuetz
Ryan Schwan
Naho Seki



Despite what her peers or parents might think, senior Kirstin Johnson decided to get an outdoor scene tattooed on her shoulder. Johnson admitted it was slightly painful, but worth it.

Following a growing trend, senior Christy Rea had a tattoo created on her back. Despite previous stereotypes, tattoos became popular with teens.

the big thrill

JACKI HERRON: LAYOUT
RYAN BRUCE: COPY

Having fun or going out on a Friday evening seems normal to most students. But students that have to sit at home because they've been grounded, or their parents did not approve of their friends, found an alternative to their situation: sneaking out.

"I enjoy sneaking around after my parents have gone to bed to see how much I can get away with," said sophomore Ray Taylor.

Although many students had curfews, some were quite resourceful in finding ways to get out of their houses.

"I would place a ladder near my window earlier in the evening and would then go upstairs and act like I had fallen asleep listening to my CD player. As soon as my parents were asleep, I was out for the evening," one freshman said.

If caught, students paid the consequences, some more severely than others.

"If my parents knew what I have done, I probably would not have gotten my license," said junior Bob Finley.

"My parents would probably just talk to me about it, seeing that they probably did the same thing when they were young," freshman Jeff Stephan said.

According to many students, sneaking out usually involved friends with the intent to engage in some absurd, but harmless, teen-age pranks.

"We would go out and toilet paper homes or throw snowballs at cars," one student said.

For other students, sneaking out was an escape to a friend's house.

"My parents are very strict on how I behave at home. I sneak out of my house to do something my parents would not approve of, such as watch-

ing R-rated movies," said one junior.

For most students, sneaking out occurred primarily later in the evening.

"To get out of the house more easily, my parents had to be asleep, and, since they usually stay up pretty late, I ended up not sneaking out until 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning," one student said.

Even though many students would not consider sneaking out some of the most exciting times of their lives, most believed that the entire process was a thrill.

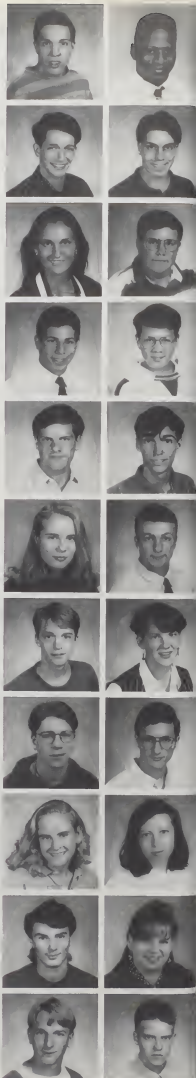
"The fun is being able to sneak right past your parents without them knowing you're gone. That is twice as exciting as the things that you do while you're away," junior Tasha Mitchener said.

Sneaking out of the house was something many students did at least once in their lives just for the thrill. □



Sophomore Kevin Miller attempts to sneak out of his house to join his friends but is stopped by his father. Grounded students often used secrecy to escape.

Secretly pushing his car out the garage, sophomore Jason Dennington gets ready to have a night out with his friends. Students admitted that sneaking out was risky, but exciting.





Robert Selfe
Terrell Sessions
Danielle Shalapsik
Nicol Sheaffer
Danielle Shearhead
Sean Shelly
Amiee Sherwood
Andre Shetok
Charles Shields

Ryan Shimala
William Shingleton
Heather Shirey
Dawn-Michelle Shirley
Tiffany Shone
Justin Shurr
Tracey Siewin
Jennifer Silva
John Simmons

Jovanka Sirovica
Eric Smith
Josh Smith
Jeffrey Somers
George Sornaz
Mia Soricick
Steven Spanopoulos
Mark Spellar
Richard Spencer

Joey Spiller
John Sponberg
Traci Stallard
Cariann Stanley
Kara Stark
Jeffrey Steake
Seib Stephen
Anthony Stevanovich
Jennifer Stevens

Ryan Stout
David Strong
Kim Sturgell
Stephanie Sweetoff
Aaron Swanson
Shannon Swanson
Katherine Swartz
Kelly Sweet
Stephanie Sweitzer

Alyssa Swenson
Paul Szotek
Lelia Tabler
Jody Thoreson
Tammy Thorley
Peter Tikalsky
Richard Tomlich
Heather Trask
Scott Turner

Dan Turzman
Lisa Tuytschaevers
Douglas Uchling
Adrian Urgino
Andy Urschel
Angela Verob
Jason Villarreal
Michele Von Tobel
Benjamin Wagner

Boyd Walker
Donald Wallace
Patrick Walsh
Susan Ward
Heather Watson
Jane Weir
Chandra Werner
Phillip West
Roger West

Kimberly Westlake
Melissa Westphal
Shannon Whistler
Allison White
Melissa Whiteside
Gordon Wilkes
Daniel Wilkin
Charlene Williams
Jordan Williams

Jesse Williamson
Holly Wilson
Jesse Wilson
Michael Wilson
Michelle Wilson
Paul Wirick
Matt Wirth
Aaron Witkowski
Amanda Woods

James Woods
Nathan Wronko
Robin York
Amber Young
Amy Zelays
Jason Zeman
Ben Zesardski
Albert Zillager
Allen Zwinklis

great expectations

CRISTAL CHOO-KANG: LAYOUT
AMY ZELAYA: COPY

Anyone who has climbed Mt. Baldy knows he must keep moving in order to not fall behind. If one stops halfway up the hill, he may fall back a few steps.

To help prevent the sophomore class from falling behind, class officers were chosen to lead the Class of 1995 in school

activities. Vice president Jonathan Ziegert said that it's a difficult task to lead a class, and a lot of personal sacrifices and compromises are made.

The class officers had many goals and expectations for their class.

President Matt Rickman said that his main goal was to get his class to participate in Student Council and help coordinate sophomore activities.

To make their goals and expectations a success, the class officers put forth a lot of effort.

"I have to encourage people to take part in activities," said Ziegert.

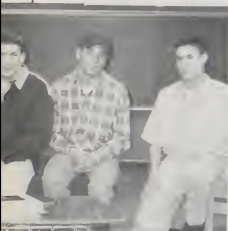
"I expect cooperation from the sophomores involved with Student Council. When they sign up for something, I expected them to stick with it," said Rickman.

Secretary Jim Connor said

that it's important for him to set an example for his class to follow so their performance as a whole is respectable.

"I try to keep them up to date with events or activities and ask for their input of suggestion," said Rickman.

Without a doubt, the sophomore class was led to the top of the hill because of their leadership, participation, and cooperation. □



Sophomore Class officers: Jon Ziegert, vice-pres.; Ed Kim, treas.; Matt Rickman, pres. Not pictured: Jim Connor, sec.

Ending Spirit Week with whipped cream wars are class officers senior Sarah Klett, freshman Tom Rickman, and sophomore Ed Kim at homecoming halftime. Seniors won the class and parade competitions.



Chelsea M. Abbott
Savithri Abey
Jeremy Anderson
Michael D. Anderson
Tessa Anderson
Michelle Androskaut
Amy Antelizer

Alicia Ash
Amouri Atassi
Jayson Atwood
William Auten
Amy Avaritt
Greg A. Backe
Kylie Baer

Michael Ball
Carrie Barber
Jane Barbknecht
Carol Barney
Elisha Bauer
David Bault
Christy Bauswell





Kevin Bean
Timothy Beach
Jason Bearce
Angela Beck
Pierrette Bedard
Brian Beesley
Patrick Beesley

Brian Benway
Karl Berner
Julie Berry
Rachel Besterman
Kelly Bickel
Kevin Bickers
Jay Bilunas

Ryan Birch
Danielle Bishop
Michael Blake
Chad Blankenbaker
Trisha Blum
J. Harper Blunk
Kristie Boland

Trevor Bollhorst
Benjamin Bonkoski
Aubrey Bottell
James Boye
Mark Bowers
Andrew Boyle
Jason Bradley

Christopher Broton
Carey Brown
Raynelle Brown
Ryan Brue
Kelley Buck
Rachel Bullard
Natalie Buls

Adam Burke
Christopher Burns
Neal Burns
Rick Burns
Robert Burns
Jenniffer Burrus
Sherry Burtner

Barbara Byers
Camel Byham
Rosanna Camacho
Jayson Canady
Suzanne Canary
Michael Candiano
JoAnne Caporale

Shannon Capron
Michael Carbine
Julie Carlin
Joshua Carr
Jeremy Carter
Angela Ceccarelli
Anthony Ceccarelli

Erica Chael
Alexis Chalos
Cristal Chow-Kang
Thomas Chrisman
Carolyn Christian
Erik Cierniak
Adam Claussen

Heather Clausen
Meagan Clifford
Aaron Collins
Marta Conkle
James Connor
Trisha Cook
William Cooley

Christopher Corbett
Shannon Corkwell
Jamilie Cotton
Courtney Coughlin
Brandy Cove
Mari Cox
Jason Craig

Gina Creutzburg
Jonathon Creutzburg
Danielle Crim
Timothy Crissman
Amy Crowe
Jason Crowell
Jennifer Cummings

Kevin Cusic
Michael Cuson
Erin Daly
Marisa Daly
David Darrol
Michael Davies
Kristin Davis

Stephanie Davis
Charles Dekoster
Natalie Demaree
Jason Dennington
Jason Denno
Debbie Deu
Jared Dhaemers

Stephanie Dick
Peter Dirindin
George Djurovic
Bimal Doshi
Jerry Drever
Elizabeth Dunivan
Gary Dunn

Donald Duvall
Jory Duvall
Kieth Duvall
Joshua Duy
Nathan Egan
Stacy Ehlers
Christopher Ehrenberg



While eating lunch with senior Amy Mutka, junior Tara Potti, copes with a sneeze. Allergies plagued students even during the winter months.





Jamie Eisenmenger
 Jennifer Elliot
 Matthew Emann
 Laura Evers
 Greg Ewer
 Lindsey Ferguson
 Ryan Ferguson

Kim Fikes
 Elizabeth Fliege
 Heather Flitter
 Ellen Florence
 Shelly Foley
 David Fordham
 Paul Foreman

Matthew Freise
 Jessica Freitag
 Heather Fry
 David Furlin
 Benjamin Furnas
 Shannon Galloway
 Lauren Garcia

Steven Garmon
 Chris Garrison
 Gregory Gates
 Kyle Gay
 Jenny Gee
 Josh Geise
 Justin Gent

Cheryl Gilbert
 Martha Glala
 Nathan Glauser
 Beth Goldman
 Danielle Goodman
 Chris Gorman
 Michael Gott

agonizing allergies

CRISTAL CHOO-KANG: LAYOUT
 KEVIN MILLER: COPY

It's a typical test day. Students are sitting in a silent room, concentrating on their work. Suddenly someone breaks out in a sneeze. Once again allergies have made someone miserable.

Students were plagued by a variety of allergies throughout the year. Although allergies vary, the condition primarily affects the nose, lungs, or skin.

Hay fever and asthma are the most common allergies. Hay fever is an allergy caused by ragweed which is an annual weed whose pollen is irritating to hay fever sufferers.

Symptoms of hay fever are a runny, itchy nose, watery red eyes, and sneezing.

Senior Chris Barber and sophomores Adam Clausen, Bill Cooley, and Tim Harvey have hay fever allergies. Ragweed affects sophomores Tom Chrisman and Chris Burns.

Every three to four weeks, Barber receives a shot at his doctor's office to lessen the effects of his hay fever. Burns also requires shots every six weeks.

Asthma, another common condition which plagues teenagers, affects the two main branches of the windpipe. Dust, pollens, animal hair, and feathers are substances that cause asthma. Difficulty in breathing is one of the most typical symptoms of asthma.

Asthma affects sophomores Alex Lute and Steve Wittmer.

"Sometimes during football I have to stop and rest because of my asthma," said Lute. Lute and Wittmer each have inhalers which clear the windpipe and enable them to breathe.

During the spring and summer pollens are in the air and people are affected by them.

"In springtime the pollen and dust makes me sneeze a lot," said sophomore Ami Sharp. She and junior Steve Dunne are allergic to

pollen and dust.

"It's really awful in the summertime because I mow lawns, and dust and pollen cause my eyes to get puffy and watery," said Dunne.

Some students are allergic to foods and drinks.

Sophomore Amos Hellman is allergic to Hi-C and Gatorade, junior Brandon Mosely is allergic to petroleum jelly, and sophomore JoAnne Caporale is allergic to cats.

"Every time I'm around cats my eyes swell and my nose gets stuffed up. It is so horrible and I can't stand it," said Caporale.

"No one in my family has ever been allergic to anything but both my daughters have asthma. I think it is because of today's environment," said Bobbie Pio, Learning Center secretary.

Despite the problems allergies cause, students learned to cope with their effects and prepare for the worst.



As junior Alexander O'Neill uses his inhaler, science teacher Dave Kings stops to see if his is all right. Hay fever and asthma are the most common allergies.

Tom Gott
 Greg Graton
 Jessica Gray
 Wendy Grieger
 Jason Griffith
 Boris Grot
 Krystal Grutz
 Sarah Gudino
 Jaimie Guydan



Amanda Hager
 Rebecca Hager
 Ryan Handley
 Melissa Hanson
 Missy Haring
 Jeremy Harrington
 Rachel Harris
 Timothy Harvey
 Sunny Haskins



Jennifer Hawkins
 Daniel Hayford
 Bethany Hazen
 Kirk Hazen
 Katherine Heinold
 Amos Hellman
 Frank Heneida
 Brad Hewlett
 Casey Hewlett



Aaron Hill
 Christine Hissick
 Sarah Hites
 Nicole Hitz
 Chad Hoard
 April Hodge
 Hunter Hodge
 Joseph Hohner
 Julie Hollar



Chelsea Hollis
 Aaron Holst
 Chris Holst
 John Homan
 Michael Hoover
 Rondall Hoskins
 Dennie Howard
 Ted Heabota
 Sarah Hug



Thomas Hughes
 Julie Hugus
 Genevieve Hurst
 Daniel Huston
 Stephanie Hutnick
 Jamie Hyattie
 Mandy Imre
 Amy Jaremcuk
 Nadia Jeha



Andrew Jones
 Lisa Jorsch
 Adam Julovich
 Chris Jurgenson
 Victoria Kadish
 Stacey Kawicki
 Tamara Keche
 Sherilyn Keller
 Kris Ketterman



Edward Kim
 Kelly Kish
 Allison Kissinger
 Amanda Kissinger
 Jerry Klemz
 Trisha Koehl
 Mark Kolar
 Tynese Kozma
 Tracy Kremke



Steve Kristoff
 Robert Kubisak
 Sara Kuebler
 Nicole Kunshak
 Shannon Kurman
 Shellie Kurman
 David Kush
 Dina Kwiatkowski
 Matthew Kwiatkowski



Becky Lahne
 Leann Landigrobe
 Kelly Lanyi
 Eric Larson
 Amy Lashbrook
 Ryan Laurer
 Kelly Lawhead
 Donald Lawson
 Michael Lawson



David Lee
 Jessica Lester
 Karen Lindberg
 Jason Linkimer
 Tim Lintner
 Deborah Little
 Sean Lively
 Jessica Long
 Natalie Long





CRISTAL CHOO-KANG: LAYOUT
ED KIM: COPY

endless days

Suddenly sunlight hits you in the face. Groggily you stumble to the alarm clock, tripping over clothes and hitting your head against the wall. 7:56 a.m.! You quickly throw on some jeans — backwards. It's going to be a long day.

Many students, at one time or another, have experienced a "long day." Most agreed that they were mainly caused by oversleeping, forgetting to complete assignments, or running out of gas.

While oversleeping was the most popular sign of discomfort to come that day, other students had unique ways of distinguishing bad days from good ones.

"I know it's going to be a long day when I pour sugar on my Cheerios, and it all sinks to

the bottom of the bowl," sophomore Rob Nobles said.

According to sophomore Greg Gratson, long days were caused by bad wake-up songs.

"I have a long day whenever my clock radio goes off and a bad song is playing," said Gratson.

Most students agreed that they realized it was going to be a long day right when they woke up.

"Usually you wake up and something just seems out of place or unusual," added Nobles.

According to sophomore Steven Ross, it was obvious that a long day was coming when the right outfit wasn't available.

Ross recommended that in order to prevent days like these, one should plan ahead of time such details as outfits.

"I knew it was going to be a long day a few weeks ago when I was driving through my subdivision on the way to school,

and my car died. It turned out that I had ran out of gas so I had to push my car to the nearest gas station," said senior Ben Kim.

According to sophomore Brian Staresina, long days were caused by failure to complete a large assignment.

"Once I forgot to write a 100-point grammar composition — the next morning, I felt like a ton of bricks had just landed on me," said Staresina.

Oversleeping was also a cause for long days among many students.

"A lot of times my parents don't even wake me up before they leave for work, and I wake up late. Those are definitely long days," added sophomore Jo Raedeke.

Remember, set your alarms, fill the gas tank, finish your homework, and days will pass quickly and painlessly. □



Trying to find the right outfit, junior Erin Griffin looks through her closet. Students admitted that clothes made a difference in how their day went.

Enduring another long day of studying, students hurry to finish their homework. Students experienced long days when they ran out of gas or failed to complete an assignment.

Clarence Lovell
Nancy Lukes
Alexander Lute



James Mackenzie
Ann Maresch
Bryan Mahins



Michael Makarowski
Olave Maly
Veronica Marquez



Dennis Marrell
Dawn Martin
Kris Martin



Holly Marvin
Thea Mason
Farrah Mathas



Tom McCarthy
Joshua McChristian
William McCleery
Peter McCorkle
Chris McCullough
Michelle McDaniels
Mike McDonald



Melissa McGuinn
Cory McKim
Alyson C. McPartlin
Danny Mekola
Eric Merriitt
Kevin Miller
Michael Ryan Miller



Michael Mings
Staci Mitchell
Neal Molengraft
Mark Morris
Alan Morrison
Jamie Mott
Michael Mount



Brigitte Mullen
Patrick Mullin
Stacey Murphy
Stephanie Murphy
Kathy Mulka
Jonathan Myers
Stacey Myers



Mithun Nallari
Jennifer Nikach
Robert Nobles
Cori Norman
Brian Norris
Michael Odore
Jermie Oetting



Matt O'Keefe
Beth Oliver
Eric Olson
Kristin Olaszewski
Jennifer Oram
Jennifer Orange
Garry Oswald



at last, peace and quiet

CRISTAL CHOO-KANG: LAYOUT
AMY ZELAYA: COPY

Many siblings count down the days until their brother or sister leaves for college. Finally, they won't have to listen to them complain or accuse them of borrowing clothes without asking anymore.

Junior Alison Pilgrim said she and her sister fought before her sister left for college.

"I was happy to see her go

because I knew we'd get along better if we weren't always in each other's faces," Pilgrim said.

Junior Leslie Ropel also said that she and her sister never talked much, but when they did, they'd argue.

"I thought that her leaving would benefit our relationship because the next time we talked, it would be more special," Ropel said.

Although junior Kristine Brennan said that she didn't get along with her older sister, she was sad to see her leave home.

"It's hard to get used to the idea of her not being around after so many years," said Brennan.

However, there were advantages and disadvantages to having a sibling move away and go to college.

"I used to borrow her clothes and now I can't since she took them with her," Pilgrim said.

"I get the car to myself, I have my own room, I can use the phone whenever I want, and I can find my clothes easier," Brennan said.

Ropel said that she enjoys having the bathroom to herself and having more closet space.

Despite the pro's and con's siblings really do miss having their brother or sister around.

"When my sister, who is seven years older than I am, moved out, my brother and I got most of

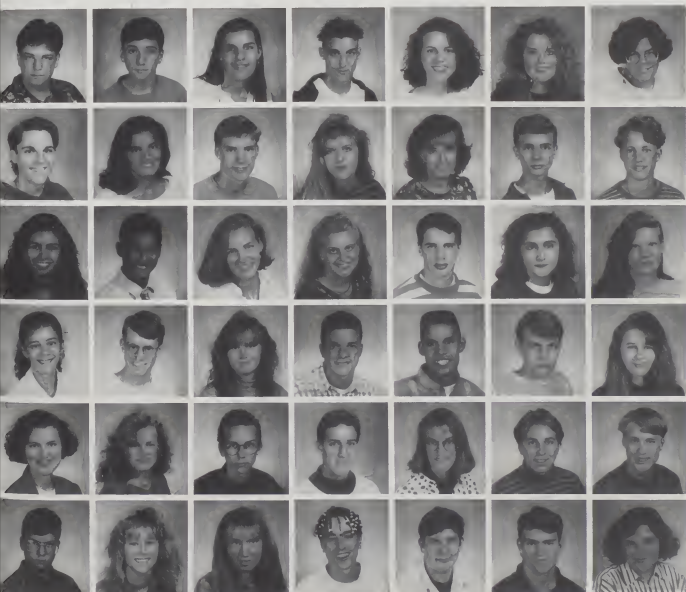
her responsibilities," said sophomore Charlotte Sarver.

"Sophomore Casee Hewlett said that she felt more independent when her sister moved out last year, but missed her sister's clothes.

"I get lonely sometimes since there's not someone to talk to anymore when I need sisterly advice," junior Kelli Cleary.

Junior Tasha Mitchener said that she misses having her sister around because now she gets bored without having someone to talk to.

For these siblings, it looks as though the old saying, "absence makes the heart grow fonder" was true. □



Richard Pantan
James Pappas
Erin Parker
Joshua Payne
Shannon Payne
Jill Petcu
Kara Plizutti

Brian Poisel
Lisa Porapaisoon
Joel Pouch
Jamie Proctor
Tiffany Pullara
Clifford Racz
Jonathan Raedeke

Natalie Rangel
Mahinda Ratnayake
Lauren Rayman
Leslie Rea
Jason Redar
Erica Redelman
Alexis Renahan

Kirsten Rhinehart
Bradley Ricca
Janice Richards
Bryan Richards
Matt Rickman
Cameron Risner
Heather Rittel

Mandy Rodgers
Amanda Rogers
Joshua Roof
Mark Roncoe
Heidi Rosenbaum
Stephen Ross
Jason Rouch

Danny Roehon
Jamie Rosinski
Melissa Rucker
Justin Rue
Jason Rugga
Matthew Ryan
Christy Saffran

waking up

CRISTAL CHOO-KANG: LAYOUT
JOSHUA CARR: COPY

It's 6 a.m. Monday morning. The alarm goes off and it is time to get up. You reach blindly for the alarm clock where you hit the snooze button for 10 more minutes of sleep.

One problem all teens admitted having was waking up on school mornings, or staying awake late at night to study. Everyone had his own way to deal with these problems whether or not the methods were effective.

Some students are not morning people. They might consider taking a shower to get the day moving. While this experience may wake them up the only drawback is they must get up earlier than usually do.

"I just need more time when I take a shower," said sophomore Natasha Tsoutsouris.

Taking a shower becomes a problem when siblings or parents also need to use the

bathroom, however. Another method some students used to wake up was loud music.

"It just seems to make me stay awake and get ready more quickly in the morning," said sophomore Jerry Drever.

Students using this method said one major drawback was that parents hate any form of loud music, especially at 6:30 a.m.

Most students relied on another source to get up ranging from parents and beverages to reading articles. "My mother flashes the light in my room until I wake up," said sophomore Mari Cox.

"I just sit and read the newspaper, until I wake up," said sophomore Jason Rouch.

The most popular method used to wake up was a caffeinated beverage. Coffee, Mountain Dew and Pepsi were the most common drinks used, along with many other highly caffeinated colas.

"Once I have some Pepsi or whatever, I just seem to feel more awake," said sophomore Jared Dhaemers.

While getting up is a task to some students, others found that staying up late was a major problem.

Students with exams, or projects due the next day found that the most popular technique was to drink coffee or cola.

"I found that one cup of coffee keeps me up for at least two hours," said sophomore Amy Antleitner.

In addition to artificial stimulants, some students relied on a more natural way to stay awake. Exercise was used by many in a variety of ways to running laps around the house doing sit-ups, and running to the refrigerator to get a snack were the most popular exercises.

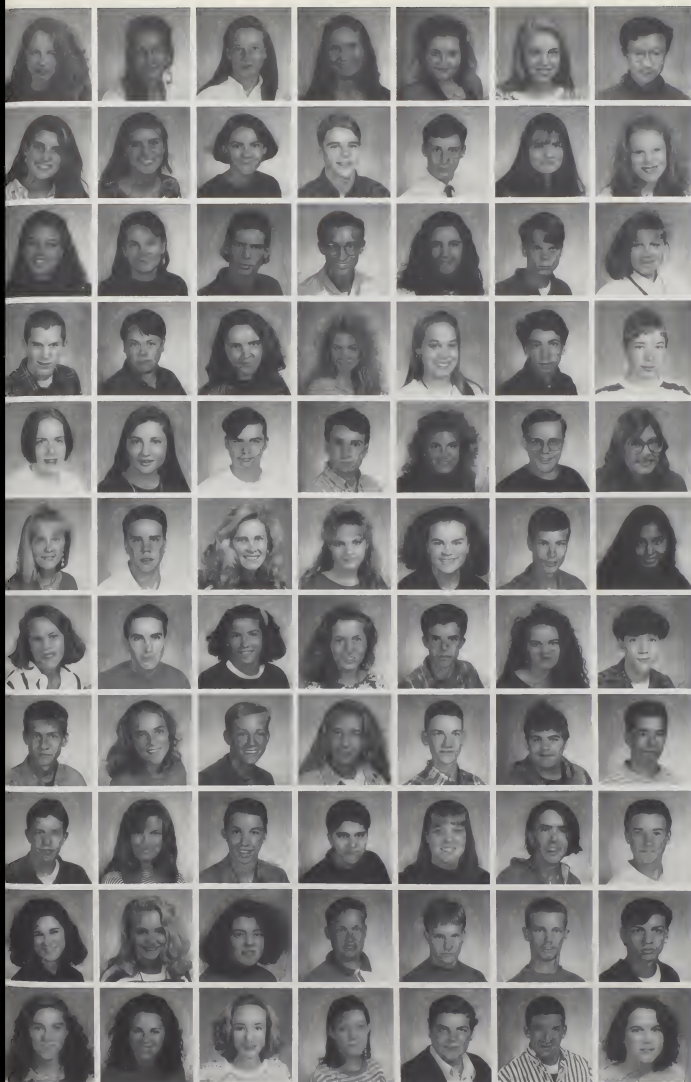
"Exercising is the easiest way I use to stay up longer," sophomore Chris Broton said.

Some students have solutions for both waking up and staying up.

"I just sleep through the first hour and I'm fine for the rest of the day," said sophomore Mike Cuson. □

Trying to squeeze in a few more minutes of sleep before school, junior Liberty Friedline reaches for her snooze button on her alarm.





Lauria Samansky
Alexander Samardzich
Charlotte Sarver
Karen Sausman
Dana Saxe
Tonya Schlobohm
Trisha Schlobohm
Jaclyn Schuitring
Derek Scheppa

Nathan Schultz
Mary Schults
Stacy Schuchow
Stephanie Schwachow
Allison Schuderi
Jeffrey Sederberg
Paul Senne
Allison Seward
Laurie Shamel

Amy Sharp
Christina Sherlock
Stephanie Shipley
Jessica Siddall
Michael Simpson
Christopher Simstad
Kimberly Singh
Adam Skingly
Candi Smith

Maryanna Smith
Matt Smith
Todd Sorenson
Shawn Spano
Amanda Spencer
Regina Stampler
Kelly Standford
Brian Staresina
Eugene Steger

Christopher Steinel
Paul Stevenson
Christine Stingley
Sarah Stith
Jason Storey
David Sturgeon
Cynthia Sukovich
Derek Swanson
Brenda Tabone

Ray Taylor
Katy Thelen
Heather Thomas
Robert Thorgren
Nicole Tirapelli
Kelly Trinosky
Natasha Troutousis
Bryan Tullis
Prasanthi Tummaru

Mark Turek
Matt Vale
Karrie Van Rosendale
Michael Veal
Christina Venditti
Kirsten Vesey
Joshua Viers
Chastity Walker
Christopher Walker

Cori Walls
Tom Warner
Kenneth Wasemann
Jacqueline Wathen
Charles Watson
Kimberly Watson
Stephan Watt
John Webb
Nathan Weugner

Mundy Westzel
Matthew Welsh
Billy Welter
Tamara Werner
Justin West
Jeremy Westerhaut
Cara Whisler
Shane Whitaker
Maciel Whitcomb

Eric White
Robin White
Marcus Wilcox
Kelly Willard
Amy Williams
Dustin Williams
George Wilson
Shane Wilson
Steve Whitmer

Bradley Wolf
Melissa Wolf
Sarah Wolff
Kelley Yagelski
Christina Yerga
Melissa York
Brandon Zeman
Jonathan Ziegert
Renee Zwinklis

young leaders

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Animals learn to adapt to different environments. Some animals grow thicker hair in the winter while others change colors to hide from their predators.

Just as well, freshmen had to adapt to high school, only they didn't have the advantages animals did. Four class officers were elected to help other freshmen get used to the new and demanding environment.

The class officers had different opinions on how high school had altered their lifestyles.

President Tom Rickman said that high school puts more

pressure on you to do well for college requirements.

Vice-President Joe Krysa said that organization was the key to success.

"There is more work and it seems there are more classes to attend," said Krysa. "If you don't get used to the busy schedule, you'll fall behind."

Treasurer Jeff Brown said high school is very fast-paced compared to middle school and the lunch period was shorter.

Along with views, freshmen class officers set goals to accomplish throughout the year.

Rickman said his main objective was to take charge of the freshmen class and keep everything in order.

Krysa said that he wants to become as organized and productive as the upper classes are.

Brown said that he would like to make school more fun.

In addition, Brown said that he attended most dances and games, and encouraged his classmates to do so also.

Officers organized the freshmen for all Homecoming activities, including the parade and class competitions. In addition, freshmen were invited to join clubs at the annual Club Fair in September.

Although an animal has special ways to adapt, the freshman class did not need to hide from the environment of high school. They had class officers to help them adjust to their surroundings. □



Before the judging begins, freshmen blow up some final balloons for their Homecoming Parade entry. This event was the first major activity for the Class of 1996.

Working together to lead the Freshman Class in various school activities are officers Bob Hengstler, secretary; Jeff Brown, treasurer; Tom Rickman, president; and Joe Krysa, vice president. Elected at the beginning of the school year, the officers also participated in Student Council.





Jill Abel
Eric Ackenhorn
Angela Adam
Joshua Adams
Beverly Adkins
Elizabeth Amos
Brian Andersen
Jennifer Anderson
Mark Anderson

Caroline Apfelbacher
Jennifer Arzola
Christy Avant
Joey Aylesworth-Gratz
Richard Babcock
Joshua Bachman
Brian Bagnall
Joshua Bagnall
Michelle Ball

Zach Balon
Melissa Bankston
Amy Bardon
Laura Bartlett
Briant Barthold
Nathaniel Bauer
Matt Bechtold
Katie Becka
Erin Beebe

Stephen Benson
Tony Bergstedt
Andrew Bernard
Brian Berrier
Kelly Bickers
Kelly Bigott
David Blackman
Jon Blair
Bryan Blaschke

Mike Bonaventura
Tracy Bond
Bradley Bonkowski
Suzie Bontrager
Lisa Bowen
Jane Bradlaw
Jennifer Breeman
Jenny Brissette
Jeffrey Brown

Scott Brown
Abby Browne
Matt Bryant
Jamie Buchanan
Suzanne Buckley
Craig Buford
Jennifer Burbes
Mason Burdette
Jeremy Burleson

Sandi Burns
Benjamin Burton
Matthew Busse
Jeremy Bustos
Frank Byers
Ryan Capron
Cara Carver
Erin Case
Courtney Cavanaugh

Melissa Ceccatelli
Collin Cerny
Sarah Christian
Stephanie Christian
Aaron T. Christy
Jeff Clark
Kyllah Clarke
Barbara Clemens
Chad Cochran

James Coggins
Michael Coleman
Kristin Collins
Alison Comstock
Christopher Conkle
Angie Cook
Kim Corley
Chris Courtney
Matthew Coyle

Cara Craigie
Alyssa Crowe
Justin Crowell
Luis L. Cuellar III
Jeff Cummings
Kevin L. Cusic
Matthew Todd Daiber
Jaime Daly
Megan Daly

Michael Daly
Nick Damodaran
Amanda Darnell
Sara Ruth Davis
Richard Dean
Jennifer Deem
Jeffery Degarmo
William Dekourt
Allison Deschamps

out all night

CRISTAL CHOO-KANG: LAYOUT/
ED KIM: COPY

Years ago, the curfew of freshmen was to be early and strictly enforced. Parents were often afraid of what would happen to their young ones late at night, and would punish them for returning home five minutes late.

However, now freshmen have developed methods that enable them to stay out later.

"My mother did not have a curfew so she is very lenient with me. I lucked out," freshman Laura Bartelt said.

Like other ninth graders, Nikki Singel said she justified her reasons to extend her curfew and stay out later by explaining that she was older and more responsible.

"I think that they gave in to me because they have been through setting curfews before with my older brother, and the

second time around they wanted to avoid the hassle," Singel said.

Freshmen Bethany Williams said that she tried to make a compromise with her parents by telling them she would call if she was running late or changing plans.

Some freshmen had a positive result with their persuasions.

Singel said that she does not have a set curfew anymore.

"All my parents ask of me is to know around what time I will be home," Singel said.

Bartelt said that her parents are only strict when she says she will be home at a certain time, but does not show up.

Williams said that her dad waits up for her, but she can come home when she wants.

However, freshmen did not always have it this easy.

Senior Danielle Lukrafka said that as a freshman, she had an early curfew.

"My curfew was between 10:30-11 p.m. My parents would not let me stay out later because they didn't think there was anything to do so late at night unless I was doing something I shouldn't," Lukrafka said.

As well, senior Jamey Stonebraker's curfew was 11:00 p.m. as a freshman.

"I hated my curfew because it was so early. A lot of my friends were older and could stay out later than me. I felt like I was missing out," Stonebraker said.

Junior Courtney Pera also had to be in earlier as a freshman.

"My parents just thought I was too young to stay out past 11:30 p.m.," Pera said.

Looking at the evidence, it is safe to say that some freshmen have it easier compared to underclassmen in past years. Curfew however, still exists, but times are changing for the better. □



After assigning a specific time to be home, Susan Wolff waits for her daughter Sarah's arrival. Curfew violation often meant grounding for some students.

Calling her parents to let them know how late she'll be is sophomore Sarah Wolff. Some students were asked to call if they would be later than curfew.





Melissa Deuberry
Jessica Dewitt
Wesley M. Dickinson
Dan DiPrisco
Drica Dirindin

Carrie Dolezal
Sarah Doolittle
Dennisa Dowell
Andrew Doyle
Laura Drabota

Tonia Duncan
Stephanie Dunivan
Frank Dutcher
Ryan Dykes
Scott Edwards

Allison Eggen
Eric Eichelberger
Shanon Ellis
Kari Espeland
Chad Evans

Ryan Exley
Robert Fancher
Dustin Franum
Danny Fasel
Tonya Fero

Bryan Fischer
Katherine Fitzgerald
Monica Flanagan
Emily Fleig
John Flood

Teri Flynn
Jonathon Foelber
Sy Foely
Brandy Forehand
Christian Fox

Mark Frailey
Scott Andrew Fredrick
Andrew Freise
Jeremy Gallagher
Brian Gannon

Kristen Gannon
David Garza
Richard Gast
Anne Geary
Laura Geary

Jennifer Gent
David Germann
Katie Giersch
Mark Gingrich
Joseph Gobernatz

Jason Goodrich
Mark Gowan
Tyler Graden
Amisa Graham
Nicole Granat

phobia facts

KIM ABNER: LAYOUT
MANDY SPENCER: COPY

Acrophobia. Arachnophobia. Claustrophobia. Although most people are only familiar with these words because they appeared on the PSAT exam, some student know firsthand what they mean.

Fear of heights, fear of spiders, and the fear of enclosed spaces are only three of the many phobias which plagued students.

True to their stereotypical behavior, most girls admitted they dread spiders.

"I freak out every time I get near one. I'm always afraid that a spider will crawl in my ear and make a web while I'm asleep," said senior Stacy Bennington.

While some people strive on the thrill of large roller coasters, others feel differently.

Junior Tiffany Shone said that she won't ride or stand in anything that doesn't have doors.

"I was in a 4-wheeler accident, went into shock, and I was in a coma for about three days. I also had third degree burns all over my legs," Shone said.

A common phobia, acrophobia, the fear of heights, may explain why many students prefer to travel by car.

"If I fly in a plane, I pass out or hyperventilate," said freshman Terra Smith.

In biology class, students have to cope with dissecting frogs and rats, but one student developed a phobia after she witnessed her parent dissecting a human body for medical school.

"I'm afraid of dissecting and seeing insides because when I was six, my mom brought home half of a dead body because she was in medical school," said freshman Angela Jones.

The fear of needles also plagued many students.

"I'm afraid of needles and getting shots," said sophomore

Carol Barney. "I had a lot of blood tests when I was small and the needles hurt. It's bad enough to get a shot, but blood tests are worse because it's gross to see your blood come out."

Although many students are no longer afraid of the dark, some confessed to still having nyctophobia.

"I'm scared of being outside after dark because I think something's going to jump out at me," said sophomore Charlotte Sarver, who has experienced this fear since she was eight years old.

Claustrophobia is yet another fear that affects some students.

"When I was younger, a snow fort collapsed on me and my friends had to dig me out. Ever since, I've been claustrophobic," said senior Beth Rudd.

Many people think that they are the only ones who fear something, but in reality, many students suffer from some type of phobia.

Margaret Grandys
Sean Graves
Richard Gray
Tammy Greco
Micah Green
Mitchell Green
Jill Griffin

Misty Guard
Nicholas Gurniewicz
Joey Haines
David Haines
David Hall
Kelly Hammers
Patrick Hanlon

Meng Haoyu
Paul Hardbeck
Scott Harrington
Naomi Harvey
Julie Harvey
Rachel Harvey
Jessica Hays

Kathryn Hedgepeth
Angie Helton
Amy Henderlong
Robert Hengiler
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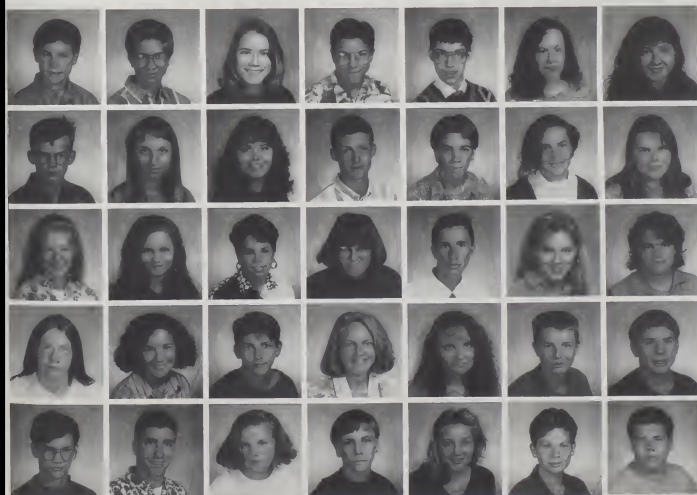
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Brian Holst
Anne Holterhoff
Brittney Honchar
Yasuhisa Hosoya





Looking over an assignment, junior Julie Gill screams after seeing a rubber snake someone placed near her as a joke. Besides snakes, students admitted fears of spiders and bats.

Fearing enclosed spaces, some students admitted they dread going into any type of elevator. Students with claustrophobia avoided any small rooms.



Gregory Howe
Joshua Itapek
Ann Hrivnak
Brad Muchel
Kyle Hughes
Stephanie Hurd
Amy Hutman

Joshua Jackson
Shaunda Jaroszewski
Karla Johnson
Paul Johnson
Joshua Johnston
Angela Jones
Jennifer Jones

Kristi Lynn Karpenko
Francine Kazlausk
Kelly Keesler
Kristin D. Kellogg
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Tiffany Kerr
Natalie R. Kiest

Jeremy King
Caryn Kinsey
Chris Kludi
Jessica Kolar
Tiffany Koselke
James L. Krawczyk
Ryan Krcmarich

Nathan Kremke
Joseph Krysa
Tracy Kuder
Adam Kunde
Beth Kutansky
Jeff Lamb
David Lambert

Shela Lancaster
Lisa Lansdowne
Ryan Largura
Jeanine Lauer
Suzanne Laughery
Jim Lee
Dana Lew

Kristopher Lieber
Mariko Lin
Nikki Lively
Alex Loesche
Piper Logan
Arlanne Long
Wesley Lynn

Jocelyn Mache
Thomas Magnetti
Brian Majka
Jessica Maiak
Cindy Manning
Andrew Mansavage
Julie Manweiler

Rebecca Maple
Manda Marben
Chris Marchese
William Marquez
Elizabeth Marsch
Daniel Marvin
Audra Maust

Jennifer McBride
Kathleen McCann
Robert McClure
Thomas McDaniel
Jacob McDougal
Erin McGuigan
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learning to compromise

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Being forced to share a small area to store personal belongings with a best friend or total stranger can be as stressful as school itself.

Locker partner problems varied from taking up all the locker space or eating a "between class snack" without sharing.

One freshman complained that her locker partner always ate all the "between class" food as well as giving all her friends some before she could even get her hands on it.

"School wasn't in for more than two weeks before all the food was gone and I only had three pieces of gum," she said.

One junior added that his locker partner's girlfriend had practically moved in and crowded him out.

"My locker partner has a habit of singing at the locker between classes. Sometimes it's kind of embarrassing and sometimes it's just plain annoying," a junior said.

Another junior got upset because his locker partner

was inconsiderate and took his books instead of searching through the mess for his own.

"If he's running late, he just grabs the first book he sees, even if it's the one I need," said one junior.

Personality clashes could also be the cause of friction between locker partners.

"My locker partner has mood swings. One minute she is laughing, and the next thing you know she is screaming at you to hurry up," a senior said.

Another student claimed that her locker partner had changed so drastically by the end of the year that they no longer were friends but they still shared a locker.

"Her stuff is all over the locker so there's no room for my books or any of my things. It seems like her stuff is all over the locker and mine is jammed into a little corner," a senior said.

Several students found it irritating when locker partners shut the locker the second before the other got there. — sometimes intentionally.

Unless students find a system to make "locker life" easier, locker partners will continue to drive each other crazy. □



Finishing homework before school are juniors Chuck Huff and Susan Ward. Students often relied on their locker partners for help on last-minute assignments.

Junior Steve Dunn opens his locker before the end of the day. Many juniors who had their locker by the industrial technology rooms were moved to the new part of the building during second semester because of construction.

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Jeremy Wilson
Peter Wilson
Renee Wilson

Carley Witkowski
Corie Woods
Justin Wronko
Nancy Yerga
Dusty Young
Nicole Ziksch
Anastasia Zikkos

Between classes Assistant Principal John Hutton and English/German teacher Elke Bowman discuss the day's events. Communication was the key to maintaining good relations between faculty and administration.



Assistant Principal Jan Bergeson was named acting principal with the resignation of Dr. David Bess on January 1. She assumed all top administrative duties including coordinating the curriculum, overseeing commencement, and developing the master schedule.

Carefully checking a document for a faculty meeting is Dr. David Bess, principal. After seven years at VHS, Bess resigned in January to accept an assistant superintendent position in Munster.



Assistant Principal John Hutton enters information in the computer in his office. Hutton supervised the discipline of sophomores and freshmen, and assumed the task of overseeing extracurricular activities when Jan Bergeson was named an acting principal.

responsibilities expand

ELIZABETH HEINHOLD LAYOUT/COPY

Although the typical administrator deals with curriculum changes and daily problems, this year the administration assumed the roles of construction coordinators and traffic controllers.

Construction of the \$20 million addition, which began in

March 1992, added to the administrators' responsibilities.

Parking lot and traffic congestion affected students and faculty. Access to the parking lot was limited to the south side. "I don't think we have too much negative feedback, although the traffic to get in and out was the most noticeable," Dr. David Bess, principal, said.

Another problem that arose

during the construction was the noise during class time. "Although the construction seemed an inconvenience at first, the extra space was needed," junior Ingrid Hyle said.

The first to transfer to the new addition were the Art and Technology departments in mid-January. This was done so work could begin on expanding the kitchen and

cafeteria. The new cafeteria facility will provide an eating area for over 900 students, reducing the number of lunch periods needed.

Bess said that by the year 2000, an estimated 2,500 students will attend V.H.S.

Problems that arose during the construction of the new addition did bother many people, but in the end it was appreciated.

□



Overseeing the Valparaiso Community Schools are School Board members (front row) Dr. Stephen Buck, Robert Malakowski, and Dr. Robert Koenig, vice president; (back row) Mary Moore, president; and Dr. Mark Reshkin, secretary. The board met monthly and played an important part in the construction of the new addition.



As superintendent of Valparaiso Community Schools, Dr. Michael Benway is responsible for curriculum development, as well as all executive decisions. Dr. Benway worked with the school board and the Valparaiso Teachers Association.



Judging homecoming parade entries are main office secretary Pat Higbie; her daughter Jenny Higbie; English instructor Kimberlyn Forte; Dr. David Bess, principal; and his daughter, Christina Bess. Student Council sponsored the parade.

Watching for the homecoming parade on Campbell Street are Spanish teacher, Marcia Arnold; Interim Principal Jan Bergeson; Robert Mahoney; and Spanish teacher Britt Wood. The parade began downtown and ended at VHS with a bonfire.

problem solving

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Through counseling, advice on scheduling, or providing scholarship opportunities, the guidance department worked with students to obtain their educational and career goals.

Because of the increasing enrollment, a fifth counselor, Ruthann Seese, joined the guidance department this year. She worked with guidance director Don Dick, and counselors Elaine Dick, Jim McMichael, and Marcy Tomes.

"We talk to students on a personal basis about problems with a teacher, parent, or friend. Sometimes we can help

them work through the problems themselves, sometimes we recommend professional help," Tomes said.

Support groups were also a service the guidance department provided for students with common problems.

Approximately 150 students participated in the groups which met weekly in the fall for six to eight weeks. Topics ranged from coping with divorce to smoking.

The guidance department also assisted students with job placement and coordinated a job shadowing program. Coordinator Elaine Dick said job shadowing was offered to students who were interested in career counseling.

College testing, applications, and financial aid were other responsibilities of the Guidance

Department.

According to McMichael, students should be aware that financial aid does not necessarily mean scholarships. By investigating all possibilities, students discovered they could apply for grants.

"Financial aid means federal and state aid, such as grants from government, work study, which is a job a student would have on campus to make money offered by college, there are student loans, and the state also offers grants," said McMichael.

Together, guidance counselors worked to make some aspects of high school easier for students. □

Consulting a student's schedule on the computer is Jim McMichael, guidance counselor and summer school principal. McMichael was dressed up for Spirit Week.



MARY ANN BAUER - guidance office, asst. registrar
DON BELASCHKY - parking lot aide
CETTEL BONDI - main office receptionist, co-sponsor
German club
NANCY BROWN - bookstore secretary; head statistician
girls' basketball
ROSEMARY BUTT - attendance secretary
ELLEN CARMICHAEL - choral accompanist

BARB DENBY - aide
SHARON EARL - aide
ELLA EDWARDS - learning center secretary
EDIE GEE - guidance office registrar
SUE HAGER - aide
JUDITH HAWES - secretary/treasurer food service
department

MARILYN HAYES - guidance secretary
PATRICIA HIGBIE - main office secretary
GINNIE HUBER-ASHBAUGH - aide; office receptionist;
head cheerleader coach
JOHN KAMINSKI - aide
PAT MCMICHAEL - bookstore; extra curricular treasurer
NORMA NEELEY - aide

ANN NELLESSEN - Vokette sponsor
ELMER NELSON - SADD sponsor; aide; FEC co-
sponsors; SOG para-professional
MARY NEWLIN - nurse; wellness advisory comm
LOIS NIRSCH - food service clerical
SHARON NUPPNAU - computers/careers
SUE PELOSO - principal's secretary

BOBBIE PIO - learning center secretary
NANCY RITCHIE - food service
JACKIE ROGERS - aide
MARY RYBAK - P-E aide
ALICE SCHEFFER - aide
PAULA SCHMIDT - attendance office staff

DEB SEEGER - aide
PAT SWANSON - aide
RACHEL A. WEST - athletic secretary
PAM WHITE - aide
NANCY WOOD - teacher's aide
BARB YOCUM - attendance office staff





Cafeteria staff member Annette Eckly serves students during one of the five lunch periods. When the new addition is completed, the cafeteria will expand to serve 900 people at a time.

Cafeteria Staff - Front Row: Mary Boyles, June Buck, Rose Witt, Joan Stombaugh, Nancy McDowell, Roxie Fenkner, Diana Grech, Lois Bruder, ass't. food service director; Mary Kush, ass't. director; Nancy Baulos. Back Row: Sally

Wellensiek, Bonnie Miller, Annette Eckley, Irene Rhoda, Georgia Prowant, Fern Lowe, Kathy Galka, Ruth Wilson, Alice Sowles, Debbie Hammers, Shirley Van Wienen, Pat Forsythe, Marion Osterhout.



Guidance counselor Marci Tomes helps sophomore Rosanna Camacho in her search for scholarship information. In addition to scheduling, counselors assisted students with college applications and sponsored self-help groups.



Showing their spirit by dressing as construction workers are hall aide Barb Denby and P.E. aide Mary Rybak. Aides assisted in the hallways throughout the school day.

Guidance Director Don Dick discusses college plans with junior Julie Gill. Students registered for all college-related tests in the guidance office.

Math teacher Rhonda Yelton tutors senior Erin Casbon with her math analysis homework. Before deciding to become a math teacher Yelton was interested in civil engineering.

A 1980 VHS graduate, math instructor Craig McCarron served in the U.S. Army prior to beginning his teaching career. McCarron joined the faculty in 1991.



KURT ANDERSON - art; photography
VELLA ANDERSON - business; VTA discussion comm.
MARCIA ARNOLD - foreign language; Spanish club co-sponsor; Spanish academic club co-sponsor
BEN AUSTIN - physics; quiz bowl sponsor; auditorium dir.; VTA pres.
CHERYL BAGNALL - consumer; homemaking
ANNE BAKER - social studies dept. chair; NIS board; faculty adv.; honors study comm.

PATTI BEIER - mathematics; soph. class sponsor
NANCY BENDER - social studies; head coach girls' golf; co-coach academic decathlon
TRACY BIEL - mathematics
CHARLES E. "SKIP" BIRD - English; head var. mens' swim team
ELKE BOWMAN - English; German; head varsity volleyball coach; German club co-sponsor; project XL coordinator
WILLIAM BOYLE - Science; intramural basketball

TERRY BRENDEN - English
LIZ BROWN - learning center media specialist; ass't speech coach; model U.N. sponsor
DONNA CALZACORTO - business
KEVIN CESSNA-BUSECEMI - foreign language; computer technology; natural helpers sponsor; senior class sponsor; ass't. drama director
DALE CIGORA - non-related subjects; natural helpers director
TODD L. COFFIN - phys. ed.; health; athletic trainer; jr. baseball coach

DAWN COLLINS - special education dept. chairperson
HARLEY COLLINS - English
TERRY COX - social studies; ass't. director athletics; ass't. var. football coach
DAVID COYLE - science; froth football coach; science olympiad sponsor
DIANE DAVIS - social studies; T.F.S.; S.O.S.; I.P.S.
JON DAVIS - social studies

STEVEN GLEN DAVIS - science; scholastic game sponsor
DON F. DICK - guidance director
ELAINE B. DICK - guidance/counseling
NANCY FICKEN - physical education
MARA FIEGLE-HICKS - mathematics; junior class sponsor; TFS
JANE FOREMAN - home economics



beyond books

ELIZABETH HEINOLD:
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Experience is often said to be the best teacher. In the classrooms of Craig McCarron, John Pinkerton and Debra Seeley, life teaches more effectively than books.

For McCarron, Pinkerton, and Seeley, prior careers influenced their teaching. Their instruction methods were all expanded due to their previous experience.

Seeley, a first-year Industrial Technology instructor, formerly worked as a cabinet maker and carpenter.

Both McCarron, a mathematics teacher, and Pinkerton, an English instructor, served in the military before joining the faculty.

McCarron graduated from Princeton University and joined

the military in 1984. He resigned his regular U.S. Army duties in 1990, but he still holds a reserve commission. He said he uses his experience in his classroom.

"We talk about skills that get people hired, skills that make people successful in business, and skills that I've seen in people who are successful," McCarron said.

Pinkerton ended his full-time Air Force career in 1970, but is still in the reserves. He does not attribute his classroom ideas only to his Air Force duty, however. Other employment experiences at Bethlehem Steel also were influential in his teaching style.

"I use ideas from everywhere, looking back and always addressing the best of people that I have luckily encountered in my life," said Pinkerton.

Changing from their past pro-

fessions to teaching was an important decision that each of them made.

"I wanted to be around when students hit the important crossroads in their lives, as there were great teachers who were around to make a big difference in my life at such times," said McCarron.

Previous experiences also reflect on their lesson preparation methods. "My classes are structured around first-hand experiences that I incorporate into the material as I plan to make lessons more meaningful," Seeley said.

All three feel prior work experience improved their chances of reaching their goals.

Although teaching was not the only career choice of each of these three faculty members, they all admitted they enjoy it. □



KIMBERLYN FORTE - English
RUTH IORTNEY - business, IT's co-chairperson
DEBBIE FRAY - social studies; foreign language; dean of students; asst. coach girls' track; asst. coach girls' cross country
ALICE GAMBLE - English dept. chairperson; drama club sponsor; shows director; gifted and talented coord.
BIFF GIBBS - foreign language; asst. coach boys' varsity baseball; asst. sponsor E.E.C. Japanese club sponsor
DEAN GERBER - learning center director; faculty advisory comm.; student faculty senate; NHS exec. comm.

DIANE GORDON - English
DALE GOTT - mathematics; health; frosh. basketball coach
GARY GRAY - technology chair; head coach j.v. football
JERRY HAGER - IVE dept. chair; coach boys' basketball
ELIZABETH HALL - English; academic super bowl coach
KAREN HANCOCK - science; physical education; j.v. volleyball coach; j.v. softball coach

MARILYN HANSON - visual arts; art club sponsor; academic super bowl fine arts advisor
CAROLYN HARDEBECK - foreign language; co-sponsor French club
KAREN HARTMAN - science; v-teen sponsor; student-faculty senate
JOHN HERSHBERGER - mathematics
LIBBY HILLS - special education; special olympics sponsor
LENORE HOFFMAN - English; student faculty senate sponsor

MARK HOFFMAN - health dept. chair; varsity football head coach; head boys' track coach; intramural director; fitness advisory comm.; Valparaiso drug and alcohol awareness comm.
PAT HURST - food service director
RALPH IATAROLA - science; asst. wrestling coach; head coach girls' track
CAROL JONES - art
DAVID KINGS - science; j.v. boys' tennis; j.v. girls' tennis; freshman class sponsor; nature study area coordinator
GREG KIRBY - business; girls' varsity basketball head coach
JERRY KIRBY - alcohol/drug counselor
JOHN KNAUFF - English; freshman boys' basketball 'A' team coach; spell bowl team coach
MARK A. KNAUF - mathematics; girls' j.v. basketball coach
RAMONA KRUGER - special education
STEPHEN J. KRUTZ - industrial technology; asst. coach freshman football; head coach freshman baseball
LANCE LEACH - business dept. chairperson

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 CAROLYN LEELEK - art
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 PATRICIA MACK - mathematics dept. chairperson
 CHERYN MAESCH - English; speech/debate coach

JOAN MAHONEY - foreign language; co-advisor student council; member student faculty senate
 LIDNA MALOTT - art dept. chairperson; I.P.S.; honor class comm.
 CRAIG MCCARRON - mathematics; co-sponsor FCA
 JILL MCGONIGLE - mathematics
 JAMES MCMICHAEL - guidance counselor; student faculty senate; financial aid chair; summer principal
 JEAN MILLER - English; foreign language chairperson; I.P.S. co-chairperson



outstanding

ELIZABETH HEINOLD
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On December 6, 1992, 50 million people nationwide were influenced by someone who has invested 26 years teaching and coaching students in Valparaiso. That person is Charles E. "Skip" Bird, English teacher and boys' swim coach.

Bird became involved in the American Teacher Awards through one of his former swimmers, Greg Turpin.

Bird's application was one of 1800 nationwide. He soon was selected one of the 60 semi-finalists.

According to Bird, letters of recommendation from Dr. David Bess, principal; English teacher Lenore Hoffman, and math teacher Craig McCarron, also helped him receive his honor.

After being chosen as one of the 60 finalists, the organization sent a camera crew from South Bend to make a video of a typical day for Bird. It consisted of interviews with approximately 30 people, a taping of Bird in the classroom, and a simulated swim practice, because it was not swim season.

A video was made for each of the 60 semi-finalists. All through the month of December, the videos of the 60 teachers were shown on the Disney

channel.

"We spent from 6:30 in the morning to 7:00 at night making the videotape. The swimmers and students also got to be on camera, and that was neat. It was a long, hard day, but a lot of fun," said Bird.

After the video was taken and several more forms sent in, Bird was informed that he was one of the top 36 teachers remaining in the competition. "Each time we were notified was really exciting," said Bird.

When Bird arrived in Los Angeles December 3, he attended a welcoming dinner with the other finalists. There were many breakfasts where each teacher had the opportunity to make a special presentation. Bird was given his award by former Lakers girl and current pop singer/celebrity Paula Abdul.

Teachers were placed in 12 categories. Bird was in the Coach of the Year competition, along with two other coaches.

The show was broadcast live from Walt Disney Land in Anaheim California. A formal party, hosted by the National Education Association, and the American Federation of Teachers, followed the ceremony.

Bird was later honored at an all-school concert, and at a convocation for VHS students. □



At the end of the city-wide holiday concert, Charles E. "Skip" Bird and his family were congratulated for his Disney Award. Bird was also honored at a convocation and received a commendation from the School Board.

English teacher and boys' swim coach Charles E. "Skip" Bird was one of 12 teachers honored by the Disney Corporation. Bird was the recipient of the Coach of the Year Award on Sunday, December 6 in California.





ROBERT MILLER - music; head director 'A' band; orchestra director, co-director 'C' band; pep band, asst. marching band; music dept. chairperson
 RICHARD MITCHELL - mathematics, asst. freshman football coach
 DOUG MORTHLAND - science; intramural ski club
 DIANE MORVIL - English; foreign language; French club sponsor; student faculty senate member
 PATRICK MURPHY - social studies; var. baseball head coach
 RICHARD OTTO - technology; technology club

CAROL PHILLIPS - English; TFS; SOS; parent faculty advisory comm.
 JOHN FINKERTON - English; TFS
 DAN FRITCHETT - music; jazz ensemble; studio band; pep band; director 'B' band; co-director 'C' band
 BARBARA FUNTER - English; speech team coach
 ROBERT FUNTER - mathematics; boys' varsity basketball head coach
 ARTHUR RASMUSSEN - athletic director

NOELL REED - special education; certified school psychologist
 SIDNEY REGGIE - social studies
 LARRY REITZ - social studies, girls' swimming/diving head coach; boys' swimming; diving asst. coach
 TOM RENN - health; jr. football; jr. wrestling

LEWIS RHINEHART - foreign language; driver education; co-sponsor FCA; coach boys' jr. basketball
 GINGER SAJDERA - consumer/homemaking; TFS rep.
 MICHELLE SALOMON - science; frosh. girls' volleyball coach; frosh. girls' basketball coach; spirit club sponsor; student faculty senate member
 MONICA SCHAFER - music; asst. orchestra director

FRED SCHIMMETT - science
 SHARON SCHROEDER - mathematics; student faculty senate member
 DON SCOTT - mathematics; co-sponsor NHS; mathematics competition coordinator
 DEBRA SEELEY - industrial technology

RUTHANN SEESE - guidance counselor
 DAN SPEARS - special education
 LINDA SPFRINGER - music; director; mixed chorus, girls' glee club, concert choir, varsity singers
 CYNTHIA STALBAUM - business; parent/teacher advisory committee

CHARLES STANIER - social studies
 MARY KAY STEPHAN - consumer/homemaking dept. chairperson
 LARRY STUBER - English; gifted/talented; debate coach
 MARCY TOMES - guidance counselor

BECKY WAGNER - special education
 NANCY WALSH - physical education; parent teacher advisory comm.
 JUDITH WATSON - English; foreign exchange club sponsor
 BRITT WOOD - foreign language; student council co-sponsor

DEBRA WORTHINGTON - foreign language; Spanish club co-sponsor
 RHONDA YLTON - mathematics; NHS comm.; student faculty senate member; junior class co-sponsor
 GLORIA ZIMMERMAN - English/journalism; Valenian advisor; Viking Press advisor; quill and scroll sponsor
 NANCY ZUBER - special education; co-sponsor SAED



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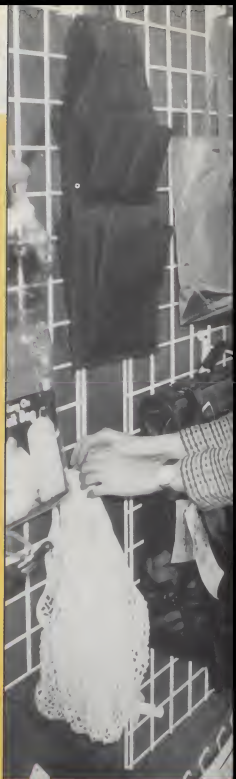
To accommodate the increasing population, businesses opened to provide convenience and jobs to the area.

As more of the north side of the city became developed, business owners found just as much success in the east part of town at McGill's, Task Force Tips, and Inman's Recreation Center.

Instead of traveling to Southlake Mall, mini-malls, such as Thornapple Plaza, Strongbow Centre, Chandana Pointe, and County Seat met many consumers' needs.

For some formal dining, The White House, The Gathering, and The Court restaurants created an elegant atmosphere, while others sought for a more relaxed surrounding at Greek's Pizzeria, Schoop's, and Azar's.

Over 140 years later, Valparaiso continues to expand through local businesses and franchises for A CHANGE IN SCENERY. □





Adding to their diverse line of stock is Lifestyles employee Dawn Edwards. Lifestyles was among many of the privately-owned specialty shops located downtown.

Located next to the courthouse, Indiana Federal Bank for Savings was one of the many locally-owned downtown businesses. The downtown buildings and the branch on Vale Park also housed many local offices.



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With its tree-lined streets and grand old houses, Valparaiso's unique beauty has always inspired pride in its residents. In the last few years, the community has been working to beautify the city's downtown commercial district.

Beginning in the mid-1980's, city leaders and

local business owners began working together gathering ideas on how to revitalize the downtown area.

"A lot of people felt there was a need to brighten up downtown," said Nancy Pekarek, Valparaiso City Planner.

Funded partly by grants and partly by city monies, the project included brick inlays in the sidewalks, street

lamps, planter boxes for trees and flowers, and refurbished storefronts.

"When the community actually saw what we were doing, we got a lot of positive feedback," Pekarek said. "It's an example of the good things that happen when you pool people together."

The community worked together to beautify the downtown and attract residents of Lake and Porter Counties to its shops. The results of their efforts served as a permanent reminder of what people can achieve when working together for a single purpose.

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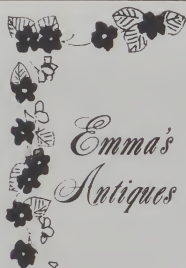
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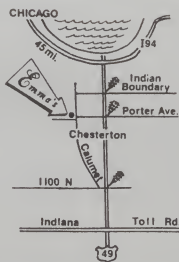
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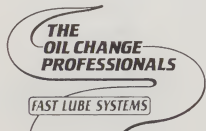
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People express their own personal style in many ways — through dress, speech, and written expression. One way that many people manifested their style was by the way they wore their hair.

"I go to Images because they know me and what I want," junior Jim Reilly said.

Students chose their hairstyle based on looks, comfort, and easy management. Senior Dina Lozano said, "I keep my hair short because I hate the idea of spending a lot of time fiddling with my hair."

Various hair salons in the area, including Chicago Hair Cutting Company, Shari's Mane Attraction, The Cut Above, and Salon Amara were among students' favorites.

"I've had my hair cut at Anthony's since I was five," said senior Mandy Marquardt. "I've tried other places, but I always end up going to the same hairdresser."

"I like Salon Amara because the people that work there are so friendly," junior Amy Zelaya said. "The atmosphere is really relaxing."

Students had a variety of personal styles, often reflected in their hair style. The diversity of salons in the area served to meet all of their needs.



To suit his personal taste, sophomore Steve Ross has his hair styled at The Cut Above by owner/stylist Paul Dlutkowski.

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"Every month or so a group of friends and I get together late at night for a couple of dozen donuts," said senior Kim Newton, whose favorite donut is the Boston Cream.

Many students enjoyed donuts as a break from ordinary, everyday, food. "It's nice to have something different to eat once in a while," said sophomore Neal Molengraft.

Students agreed that Chuck's Bakery, Costas, and Dunkin' Donuts offered the best donuts in Valparaiso.

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"I usually eat donuts about three times a month," said senior Nick Vorkapich, who preferred jelly donuts.

By searching for new and different cuisines, students broadened their tastes and learned how to satisfy that late night craving. □



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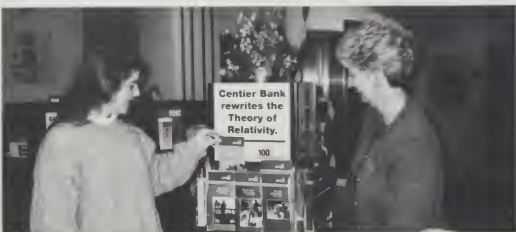
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Although she works part-time at Miller's Mart, junior Mary Fattore still allotted time to participate in clubs. Jobs usually forced students to minimize extracurricular activities.

Pizza Hut employee, junior Heather Paulson, prepares a deep dish pizza for customers. Working enabled students to experience life beyond high school.



Food to go is prepared by sophomore Mike Simpson at McDonald's. Fast food restaurants provided opportunities for weekend and after-school jobs.



Junior Terrel Sessions, bagboy at Costas Foods, helps customers with their groceries. Working after school gave students something else to do with their spare time and enabled them to earn money for college, cars, and clothes.





STUDENTS MANAGE TIME WHILE

BRET KUTANSKY: LAYOUT
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or a high school student, the demands on time can be great. However, many students made room for after-school jobs in their schedule.

Jobs, along with the numerous other activities a student may participate in, often made time management difficult.

"It is hard sometimes to come home at night and have to do all my homework as soon as I get home," said junior Zach Malasto, who was employed as a stock boy at Hooks' Drugs.

The need for time to get homework accomplished played a major role in a student's daily schedule, as students realized that homework was just as important as their jobs.

"If I have a lot of homework on a night that I work, I just make time to get it finished," said junior Mike Wilson, who worked as a bagger at Costas Foods week nights and weekends.

Although holding a job combined with school, appeared to be stressful, some students said they coped with their situation well.

"I'm used to it really. I just take things one at a time and everything usually gets taken care of," said Taco Bell employee, senior Kim Newton.

Parents and teachers experienced the effects of part-time jobs.

"The only problem I have with students working during the school year is when they let jobs take priority over their homework. I think working is fine if students keep up with schoolwork," said English teacher John Pinkerton.

Despite the strain on their weekly schedule, students continued to balance their time between school and jobs. □

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At the first Halloween dress up day, juniors Mike Bishop, alias secret-sevamiceman and Jim Hanlon as Ross Perot enter the auditorium for the costume competition. Spanish Club sponsored the event and awarded cash prizes. For more about clubs, turn to pages 50-73.



IN MEMORIAM
Douglas McNamara
September 4, 1974 - July 17, 1991

Doug would have graduated with the class of 1993.

Dedication

Page by page, staffers make book
a success through hard work

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Although none of the students saw the VALENIAN until August of 1993, work began over a year earlier in order to meet deadlines throughout the year.

VALENIAN was no ordinary class with an ordinary group of students. No one seemed to sit in the same seat or do the same thing each day. Their talent, dedication, and creativity set them apart from the rest of the student body.

Sometimes it seemed the book would never be finished on time. But hard work and a few sleepless nights restored our faith in what we were doing.

Each staff member made this book possible, but we realize many other important people contributed to this project.

The VALENIAN would not have been as successful if it weren't for the help of Gloria Zimmerman. She was very knowledgeable and worked well one-on-one with each student to make their section the best.

Working with the editors to create an "in" and sophisticated look was Walsworth Publishing Company Sales representative Valerie Tanke.

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A special thanks to the administration, teachers, coaches, and students who cooperated with us for interviews and pictures.

Many of us don't receive a compliment or a pat on the back for our work in VALENIAN, yet we all know how much each student appreciated us for remembering their high school years. □

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Construction of the new addition began in March of 1992 and will be complete in Fall 1993. The \$20 million project addition included 40 new classrooms, 1,000 lockers, and two court-yards.

In a comical salute to Orville Redenbacher, seniors Solitaire Briggs, Adrienne Harris, Eric Brown, and the other 1993 state championship band members perform in their final football halftime performance "Batman."



Junior Andy Urschel sings about his "Farmer's Tan" during the drama club's April Antics production. The variety show allowed students to display their talent and interest in the performing arts.

Striving for a perfect score, freshman Angie Cook maintains excellent form on the balance beam. Cook captured the all-around State championship in Indianapolis and was named the team's most consistent gymnast.



Students survive year full of changes FINALLY

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During that first hour on the first day of the 1992-93 school year, it felt like those 180 days left of school would never pass. Sooner than both teachers and students could have hoped, the calendar read June 2. While some of those days felt like "just another day of school," others were filled with moments and events that we would remember forever.

Throughout the year we were constantly adjusting to changes due to the construction. Traffic congestion meant leaving for school earlier in order to be on time. Classes in the new section of the building had us rushing through the crowded hallways.

After seven and a half years as principal of VHS, Dr. David Bess resigned at semester and turned over his responsibilities to assistant principal Janice Bergeson. The new administration strictly enforced policies to prevent gangs from entering the school.

The main offices were relocated after spring break, and a new P.A. system with new bell tones was installed.

'A' Band won its sixth consecutive state championship title, while 'B' Band finished seventh.

During the final months of school, a feeling of success that we had made it this far with so many changes kept us going each day.

All these experiences came together as memories of a unique and unforgettable school year and created a **A CHANGE IN TRADITION.** □

Building upon excellence
to reach our potential

Tradition



Giving a new name to school spirit, the Superfans pump the crowd up to cheer the Vikes to another victory. The Superfans encouraged students to display their pride in VHS and was just one example of how we were experiencing A CHANGE IN TRADITION.



The fieldhouse and the swimming locker rooms were the only previous additions made to Valparaiso High School which opened at the beginning of the 1972-73 school year. To accommodate increasing enrollment, the 40-classroom addition on the north side will be ready for use in August 1993.

Colophon

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